

How can a ministerial student get financial aid?

By Ruthie Courtney

Monthly financial assistance is available for undergraduate ministerial students who attend one of the Mississippi Baptist colleges. These grants are funded by the Cooperative Program and are distributed through the Board of Ministerial Education, an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The Board of Ministerial Education was founded in 1885 by the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the purpose of aiding ministerial students to secure a college education. Until recently that assistance was limited to licensed or ordained preaching students. In 1987, the Mississippi Baptist Convention's constitution was amended to expand the Board of

Ministerial Education's authority to assist undergraduate students pursuing any church-related vocational ministry.

In order to be eligible for ministerial aid, students must be enrolled full-time (12 semester hours) in a Mississippi Baptist college. Qualified students must have made a public commitment to ministry in their church and/or be licensed or ordained ministers. They must maintain at least a 2.0 (C) grade point average. The Board of Ministerial Education is authorized to provide assistance only to Southern Baptist students who are members of and pursuing ministry in a cooperating Southern Baptist church.

The Board of Ministerial Education has a representative on each Baptist college campus to coordinate the ministerial aid process. These campus representatives are Dean William Washburn at Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Evelyn Williams at Clarke College; John McCall at Mississippi College; and Bennie Crockett at William Carey College. Further information about ministerial aid may be obtained from any of these representatives.

Application packets for ministerial aid will be available on each campus at registration or they may be picked up in the campus representative's office. The application form must be turned in to the campus representative by Sept. 7. Reference letters

(forms provided) are due by Sept. 21, along with a copy of the student's license/ordination certificate or a letter from their church verifying their public commitment to ministry. Students who received ministerial aid last year should turn in only the application form. The Board of Ministerial Education cannot consider late or incomplete applications.

Board of Ministerial Education members will be on each campus the week of Sept. 17-21 conducting personal interviews with each applicant. All applicants will be reviewed and acted on by the Board at its meetings on Sept. 24-25, and checks will be issued the first of October covering

the September and October stipend. Ministerial aid is provided on a monthly basis during the fall and spring semesters. Summer school grants are also provided based on the number of summer school courses taken.

Jack Winscott is president of the Board of Ministerial Education and J. M. Wood is vice president. Other board members include Ernest Turcotte, treasurer; Ruthie Courtney, secretary; William Washburn; Johnny Walker; Gary Nowell; Joyce Beasley; Paul Lee; Gary Bagley; Dell Scoper; John McCall; Bennie Crockett; and Evelyn Williams.

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Philippine volunteers survive quake

By Marty Croll

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines (BP) — Not fear, but awe, overwhelmed Southern Baptist volunteer John Thomas as he watched a whole mountainside reduced to rubble in one thunderous roar during the July 16 earthquake in the Philippines.

"The shifting soil under our feet made standing difficult," remembered Thomas, of Daphne, Ala. "In a matter of seconds the mountainside . . . came crashing down. On the left side of the road, the mountains came down in three streams, one about 100 yards south of us, another right in front of us, and another about 100 yards north."

Thomas and his wife, Helen, were driving home to Baguio City with Southern Baptist missionaries Bob and Jan Nash of Athens and Cornelia, Ga., after participating in a weekend ministry out of town. Thomas was navigating them along Kennon Road, a well-traveled artery into Baguio City, through an area with a steep mountain to their left and a gorge to their right.

Suddenly the car lurched sharply toward the gorge. "Small rocks were falling onto the roadway from the hillside to our left, so I accelerated to reach a clearing about 100 yards ahead," Thomas said. "Split seconds after I left the point of acceleration, a huge boulder the size of our automobile occupied the space where we had been, and a large tree fell adjacent to it."

Then, on the other side of the gorge to their right, a whole mountainside became a pile of dirt and rocks in seconds.

"I never doubted for a moment that God was present and was going to see us through this overwhelming demonstration of the forces of nature," said Thomas, a retired professor at Mobile (Ala.) College. "I was never afraid, but I will admit to being very bewildered, awed and perplexed by the overwhelming power of the earthquake."

Between 4:26 p.m., the time of the

first quake, and 8:03 p.m., Thomas counted 24 tremors, many of which caused more dirt and rocks to come tumbling down the mountain that walled them in. During that period, however, the mission workers suffered not even one scratch.

Others were not as fortunate. A Philippine mother at the site lost her 4-year-old daughter. The girl was crushed by falling rock as she bathed with her 8-year-old cousin in a little stream running beside their home. The cousin was critically injured. Others who lived in villages along the road were injured. Many were killed or injured when rocks buried them in their autos.

During the three days they were stranded along Kennon Road, the two couples found a student from the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio who had been riding on a bus about a half-mile in front of them. They also met up with Southern Baptist missionary nurse Judy Yost of Naples, N.Y., and a seminary graduate who had been riding together just to the south.

Although they had been on three separate trips, the seven were stopped within walking distance of each other.

At one point as the Thomases and Nashes sought safety, they needed to cross two massive landslides, crawling over and around boulders as other stones were being jarred loose by continuing tremors, which numbered 535 during the five days after the initial shock.

Three students from the Baptist seminary in Baguio found the two couples at a bus where they had gathered with stranded Filipinos. Despite heavy rain, the young men risked their lives to look for the missing Baptists, equipped with ropes in case of an emergency.

The wife of one of the rescuers, a father with two small children and a third on the way, at first rejected the idea of her husband's leaving to go down the mountain. But then she

remembered the words of Jesus: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends." It was then, she said, that she felt peace and encouraged him to go.

"The Lord met our every need in such miraculous ways," said Mrs. Nash. At the bus, "we had fresh running mountain water 24 hours a day. During these days we had been sending written messages both north and

south. The Lord knew where we were; but we thought if someone on earth knew too, it might help!"

As soon as word of the group reached missionary administrator Sam Waldron in Manila, he contacted the Summer Institute of Linguistics (Wycliffe Bible Translators) to arrange for a helicopter to rescue the stranded missionaries.

First, however, two Philippine

helicopters landed with doctors and evacuation equipment for the critically injured.

The missionaries returned to Baguio to help survivors stabilize their lives. "Tremors continue," said Thomas, two weeks after the first quake. "But God has spared his servants to serve again."

Marty Croll writes for FMB.



HANDS ON clinical programs start with the first nursing class at Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis.

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

An education opportunity

Readers are invited to turn through the pages of this issue to find the Baptist Record's annual Christian education emphasis. We are pleased to call attention to Christian education each year and to support the concept of Christian education as strongly as we possibly can, for we believe in it with conviction.

Material will be found from all of Mississippi's institutions of Christian higher education, the learning centers of the two hospitals related to Mississippi Baptists, and the Mississippi Baptist Board of Ministerial Education.

Mississippi Baptists' Christian education efforts are far-flung. There are three colleges, two with multiple campuses. Mississippi College, the largest and oldest of the colleges, is located in Clinton. In addition to the main campus there, the college has a law school in downtown Jackson and a division in Newton, which is still known as Clarke College. Clarke is a two-year college which had its own board until a merger was effected with Mississippi College. Some Mississippi College upper class students take courses on the Clarke

campus.

Lewis Nobles is president of Mississippi College, and James Read is dean of the Clarke College division.

William Carey College also has campuses in several locations, with the main campus being in Hattiesburg. There is a campus on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Gulfport and a nursing school in New Orleans in connection with Southern Baptist Hospital there.

Jim Edwards is president of William Carey College.

Blue Mountain College is located in Blue Mountain, Miss. It is primarily a school for girls, but ministerial students are allowed to attend classes there if they live off campus. Blue Mountain is the only Mississippi Baptist institution located in north Mississippi. The president is Harold Fisher, who recently observed his 25th anniversary in that position.

The two hospitals both have learning centers. Located in Jackson is Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. This is a 600-bed facility, and Kent Strum is the administrator.

Baptist Memorial Health Care Services, Inc. is located in Memphis,

Tenn.; and it is owned by three conventions, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee. It is a 2,000 bed hospital, making it the largest privately owned hospital in the nation. The administrator is Joseph Powell.

The Mississippi Baptist Board of Ministerial Education is the body that oversees the funds for making grants to ministerial students in Mississippi Baptist institutions. Jack Winscott of Prentiss is chairman of that body.

Two other bodies are involved in Christian education in Mississippi. Baptist Student Union operations on campuses all across the state are coordinated by the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The director of that department is Jerry Merriman.

The Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is the body that coordinates the financial arrangements with the three colleges as the arrangements pertain to Cooperative Program gifts. The chairman of the commission is Ron Kirkland of Amory.

Baptist Christian higher education is a starting place for training those who have been called into vocational religious pursuits. Those future ministers who are able to avail for themselves an education at a Baptist institution are well on their way to being successful leaders in Baptist churches.

All leaders, however, are not ministers. There are many more

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leaders in Baptist churches who are lay people than there are who are pastors. Those lay people who have received their education in a Baptist school are very well equipped for their tasks in the churches, and that is a very distinct value of Christian higher education. The science student will not likely wind up as pastor of a church, but he could well be the Sunday School director or teacher of a class of teenaged boys. What he learns in a Christian school of higher learn-

ing will give him the background he needs to perform well in that all-important role.

Christian education is fine while the student is in class for it teaches him Christian values that he needs for life. That Christian education is even more valuable as he makes his pilgrimage through life, for then is when those values really count.

Mississippi's Baptist schools offer such an opportunity for Christian education.

Guest opinion . . .

To pastors and staffs

By Don Womble

As a minister of music for 12 years, and a pastor for the last 13 years, I have made some observations in our Southern Baptist life that I find somewhat disturbing. We are supposed to be a convention made up of individual Christians in autonomous churches, cooperating through associations, state conventions, and the national convention for the purpose of propagating the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Basically, most of our churches are giving through our Cooperative Program, through state missions, and through associational missions. Over the past several years we have had fairly large crowds attending the Southern Baptist Convention, but this has been mainly because of controversy. Most state conventions are not that largely attended, and very few associational annual meetings have a good representation of their churches.

If those particular meetings were all we had going on, our neglect to lead out as pastors and support them would be bad enough. In our associations we have many training meetings, promotional meetings, etc., some of which are led by outside personnel; and many times I have seen these meetings canceled because of lack of promised participation. I know that some of our larger churches' pastors and staff do not necessarily have a need for these helps, but I have discovered over the years that I can learn something every time I attend a promotional or training meeting.

Brethren, if our church members supported our Sunday School, Discipleship Training, and worship services like some of us support our associational and state convention programs, we would be preaching to empty pews and teaching in empty classrooms every week. It doesn't matter how great a preacher or teacher one is; he cannot accomplish anything unless there are warm bodies present.

As pastors, we need to promote, attend, and try to lead our people to attend every meeting, training session, and/or program pertaining to their particular function of the work of the church. No matter if a church is large enough to have its own training programs, its leaders can still profit from meetings held on the associational levels. Every person cannot attend every single meeting; but, my beloved brethren, we can beat what we are doing. If we are not going to try, our average associations are going to die.

Our associations are there for us. They are needed for fellowship and the promotion of our great task. Let us, as pastors, promote and support our associations and lead our people to do the same. I believe this support and leadership will increase our attendance, giving, and probably our evangelism. It might increase the number of young men and women surrendering to God's call as ministers, missionaries, etc. You will never know until you try it. I believe our Lord will honor your effort. My preaching professor in seminary said

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Guest opinion . . .

Save the Cooperative Program!

By Herschel H. Hobbs

The New Testament says nothing about church membership. The word is fellowship (koinonia), having all things in common or sharing. This applies to any segment of our denomination (local church, association, conventions). The Southern Baptist Convention is a fellowship, not a membership of churches. This does not mean that everyone must do every "i" and cross every "t" alike. So long as we accept the Bible as the divinely inspired, authoritative Word of God (and practically all Southern Baptists do), we allow for differences in interpretation.

Both before and after New Orleans many called it a "watershed convention." If the past 12 years have proven anything it is that our problems cannot be solved by conflict. I have never been on either side. If you want to label me call me an old-time Southern Baptist. Such have their differences, but they stay together in fellowship.

As in all differences there are three sides: yours, mine, and the right one. The right one is God's side. We must find it as we speak the truth in love. Having served on the Peace Committee sub-committee on politics, in my judgment most of the stir in our convention is based on rumors unsupported by documented facts. Neither side has all the truth; both sides have

blame for which they must answer to God. All of us need to fall on our knees, confess our sins, pray for God's forgiveness, and then walk together in Christian love as brothers and sisters in Christ. "Brother" comes from adelphos which comes from adelphus — which means "out of the same womb." We have the same source of salvation life in God through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Let us act like it! There are no winners or losers for us in this ongoing struggle. Only Satan is the winner; only God is the loser as his greatest force for evangelism-missions in our time dissipates its energy and loses sight of its God-given destiny.

Which leads us to the Cooperative Program. It is a fellowship through which more than 37,000 churches cooperate in pursuing our task. M. E. Dodd and his committee which proposed this program were wise men, but not wise enough to have created the greatest program ever seen for raising money for the Lord's work. In my soul I believe that it was revealed to them by God. It has spent over 65 years in reaching its present potential. We could destroy it in a day!

We need no new agency through which to channel our missionary giv-

ing. We need to use the one we have and which has served the kingdom so well. And this resolve faces every Southern Baptist church and each individual in it. No pastor is happy if his people designate their giving if the church votes contrary to their wishes. If it is wrong for individuals to do this, it is wrong for churches to do it! Such is contrary to fellowship.

I have Richard Jackson's permission to pass on what he told me last February. For three years in a row the North Phoenix Baptist Church did not pledge a percentage but gave \$1,000,000 each year through the Cooperative Program. In 1989 each month when receipts did not provide enough for this pledge, the church borrowed from a bank enough to enable them to meet that month's pledge — for the year a total of \$85,000!

I have heard of churches borrowing money for new buildings and equipment and for renovation. But in over 62 years in the ministry never before have I known of a church borrowing money to give to missions. THAT IS FELLOWSHIP! Go thou, and do likewise!

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Professors say move seminary to Georgia

By Marv Knox

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Professors at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., are talking about starting a new seminary in Georgia.

They cite a mass exodus to the vacant campus of Tift College in Forsyth as one option open to them in "denominationally uncertain" times.

The idea of moving to Tift College came from Glenn Hinson, a church history professor at Southern Seminary. Tift was an all-female Baptist school that merged with Mercer University, a Baptist school in Macon, Ga., in 1986. Mercer closed the Tift campus, about 65 miles south of Atlanta, in 1988 and still owns the property.

If a new seminary were started, more than half of Southern's faculty and about 1,000 of its 3,200 students would move, Hinson predicted.

A move would cost about \$30 million, he estimated, adding the amount is attainable: "Divide that in 3,000 churches giving \$10,000 each. That doesn't sound unreasonable."

Bill J. Leonard, professor of church history and president of the seminary's Faculty Association, said the discussions "reflect the uncertainty and fluidity that is occurring throughout the Southern Baptist Convention."

"Because of the way the controversy continues, people are asking questions they hoped they would never have to ask. So the discussion about moving a portion of the faculty is part of a broader discussion about a variety of options."

"We would all like to stay at Southern and continue teaching our students; but after this spring and the Johnson document, we don't know that we can stay. Because we have families, we have to explore options."

We do not know what the future holds."

(The "Johnson document" is a 16-page article released this spring by Jerry Johnson, then a first-term seminary trustee, from Aurora, Colo. The article criticizes five professors and seminary president Roy L. Honeycutt, who, it says, "just does not believe the Bible.")

A move to Tift is only one option, Leonard and Hinson said. Others are:

— "Stay at Southern Seminary as long as we can," Leonard said. "But given the Johnson document, it's possible some of our colleagues would not have that possibility." He mentioned faculty firings and administrative changes as possible fallout from the document.

— "Send resumes and do their own thing, and the faculty would disperse by attrition," he added.

— Move to Tift or some other location. Hinson noted the Shelby campus of the University of Louisville — former site of Baptists' Kentucky Southern College — as an alternative, along with a possible move to Nashville.

The concept of new forms of training for ministry is not unique to Southern Seminary.

Baylor University this summer registered the name George W. Truett Theological Seminary with the Texas secretary of state, should Baylor trustees decide to start a school of theology or divinity. Observers linked the move to the possible firing of Southwestern Seminary president Russell Dilday and the restructuring of that school by Southern Baptist conservatives.

The Southern Baptist Alliance is trying to start a seminary; Wake

Forest University is starting a theology school; and several non-Baptist schools are opening Baptist "houses" for study.

At Southern Seminary, Hinson's idea about Tift provides "a frame of reference for our general discussion," Leonard said.

Leonard has not contacted Mercer University about the Tift campus, and the Southern faculty has not initiated fund-raising efforts on behalf of a new school, he said.

There are people, I suppose, who choose not to give to Southern Baptist institutions," he said. "But it's not because we told them . . . People are asking those questions all over the SBC, 'Where do I give my money?'"

Theological education will be on the agenda of a national meeting of moderates in Atlanta Aug. 23-25, Hinson noted. They may create an alternate Southern Baptist unified budget, which might provide funds for such a school, he said.

Virginia Baptists are considering a new budgeting process that includes a \$134,000 line item for theological education, which also could go to a new school, he added.

"We have had numerous calls from people saying, 'Where do I send money?'" he reported. Perhaps a foundation, with trustees, could be created to handle contributions, he said, noting faculty members have not gotten that far in their deliberations.

The timing of any move depends on Southern's trustees, Hinson said. "If our trustees in their September meeting do not create any big waves as they did last April, we will look to April (1991) and see what will happen."

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EDUCATION ISSUE



HOORAY FOR MAIL — Carren Arnette, a junior from McDavid, Fla., checks the mail for William Carey College's office of admissions.

Baptist family in Kuwait moves to U.S. embassy

By Art Toalston

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait (BP) — A Southern Baptist family in Iraqi-controlled Kuwait has taken shelter in the U.S. Embassy there, according to an Aug. 8 report from the U.S. State Department's Kuwait task force.

The Southern Baptist workers, Maurice and Laurie Graham, had been in the Persian Gulf country less

than three months when Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2. Graham is from Shelbyville, Tenn. Mrs. Graham is from Hutchinson, Kan.

A State Department spokesperson, who asked not to be identified, said she did not know how many Americans have taken refuge at the (See **KUWAIT** on page 12)

Mission family in Liberia freed, but elects to stay

By Donald D. Martin

MANO RIVER, Liberia (BP) — A regional rebel commander in Liberia told Southern Baptist missionaries Ed and Fran Laughridge Aug. 10 that they were free to leave their mission station in Mano River and depart from Liberia.

But the Laughridges and their son Edward, 20, have decided to stay on in Mano River because of the need for relief work in the area, Mrs. Laughridge told missionaries in neighboring Ivory Coast via radio.

"We feel for now we have a needed ministry here," Mrs. Laughridge, of Great Falls, S.C., said. "Our situation has improved considerably. The regional (rebel) commander said we are free to come and go across the border as we please. There are no restrictions. At this point we are not planning to leave immediately."

Mrs. Laughridge said tension in the area, about 80 miles from Liberia on the Sierra Leone border, has decreased

and the number of rebel troops has dropped.

The Laughridges met with the rebel commander Aug. 10. The commander said the family had been free to leave all along. Their six-day detainment was the result of a misunderstanding with a lower-level rebel commander, he said.

Rebel troops of the National Patriotic Front had earlier refused to let the Laughridges leave the area or, for several days, to communicate by radio with mission officials in Ivory Coast.

But tension between the missionaries and local rebels in the Mano River area began to ease several days before the meeting with the regional commander.

In fact, Laughridge, of Rock Hill, S.C., and a group of rebel soldiers drove Aug. 8 to the Sierra Leone border and received a supply of rice from Southern Baptist missionary (See **LIBERIA** on page 12)



Monroe Baptists dedicate center

On May 20, the new facilities of the Monroe County Baptist Association were dedicated. On Highway 25, just south of Amory, the building has some 3,000 square feet of offices, a media library, workroom, large conference room seating up to 100 persons, and two small conference rooms. Constructed

to serve the 33 churches in the association, the center will be a site for conferences, continuing Christian education, missions information and media dispersal, missions development, and associational ministries coordination and administration. Rick Spencer is director of missions.

MC to open with 6.5% enrollment increase

By Norman Gough

"Enter here to increase in stature, knowledge and wisdom"

— Inscription on the Mississippi College entrance arches located on College Street.

This year, Mississippi College's 165th, the college will see a record number of students "enter here" when its doors open Aug. 25.

Enrollment in all areas, undergraduate, graduate, and law school — continue to increase. Early estimates point toward the possibility of an overall enrollment increase of up to 6.5 percent.

This year's freshman class will bring over 400 new students to the Mississippi College campus. Transfer numbers are also expected to increase to over 350 for the fall.

The increases are not limited to just undergraduates. The college's graduate programs are seeing an increase, as well as the School of Law. The Mississippi College School of Law closed out its entering class at the earliest date in the school's history.

AROUND THE WORLD

Students from across the United States will be joined on campus by students from around the world. This fall, the college will serve as the educational home for students from the Soviet Union, Germany, Thailand, Korea, and Mexico.

The two Soviet students are participants in an exchange program between Mississippi College and Republic of Kazakh. In addition to the Soviet students studying at Mississippi College, a Mississippi College student, Timothy John Young, will be studying in the Soviet Union this fall. He is the son of career Southern Baptist missionaries in Bangladesh.

As in years past, the college will have its fair share of National Merit Scholars among its student body. Sixty-one National Merit Scholars are expected to be attending the College this fall. In the 1989-90 academic year, one out of every 13 students living in the dormitories was a National Merit Scholar.

Greeting the students as they arrive on campus will be a host of physical improvements to both the college's buildings and grounds. Summer renovation projects have included Ratliff, Lowery, and Nelson Halls, including the installation of air-conditioning in Swor Auditorium. The college's Latimer House, a Victorian home built about 1897, is also being renovated.

Outward improvements include an extensive landscaping and planting program to improve the campus's general appearance.

Also greeting the students this fall will be 145 faculty dedicated to teaching. Although many participate in research and other types of profes-



BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM — When students arrive at the Highway 80 entrance to Mississippi College, they will notice that a planned beautification program is underway on-campus. An assortment of shrubs and flower beds were used for landscaping in readiness for the new academic year. (MC PHOTO)

sional work outside the classroom, they consider teaching to be their highest priority.

Among the college and School of Law faculties are many who have been recognized for their expertise and abilities in their related fields.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The college, itself, has also been recognized by both national and regional organizations for its part in educating future leaders in both the religious and secular communities.

The Templeton Foundation has selected Mississippi College as one of the nation's top 100 character building colleges in the nation. In addition, The Foundation for Economic Education selected the college as one of 95 institutions for their Honor Roll for Free Enterprise Teaching.

Philanthropic organizations have also recognized the college in the form of grants for both the general fund and specific projects. Foundations contributing to the success of the college this past year included The Chatlos Foundation, The Frueauff Foundation, The Irby Foundation, The Keck Foundation, and the foundation of the Council of Independent Colleges.

Mississippi College received recognition for accomplishments outside of the classroom too. The college's football team won the NCAA Division II National Championship this past winter. The Mississippi College cheerleaders captured their third National Championship in the past four years. The men's basketball team also had a successful year by having a 21-win season.

OFFICIALLY OPENS

The fall semester officially gets underway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, as freshmen students report for residence hall assignments and

general orientation. The orientation session begins at 1:30 p.m. in Provine Chapel's Spell Auditorium as students and their parents gather to meet and hear from administrative personnel and representatives of the Student Body Association.

Academic advising for the new students will begin at 2:30 p.m. with faculty members, while parents will be hosted at a reception in the B.C. Rogers Student Center by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nobles, president and first lady.

"Life on Campus" will be the subject for a 6 p.m. session for students in the Hall of Fame Room of the B.C. Rogers Student Center. They will become better acquainted with student life and activities and have the opportunity of meeting personally the SBA leaders. The day will close out with a 7 p.m. ice cream party.

Sunday will find the first-year students attending the church services of various churches in the greater Clinton area.

From 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, President and Mrs. Nobles will welcome the students with a reception in their home across from the main campus.

Freshmen and transfers will continue orientation on Monday, Aug. 27, with transfers congregating at 9 a.m. in Provine Chapel and freshmen at 9 a.m. in Swor Auditorium of Nelson Hall. These sessions will be followed by more academic advising and preparation of class schedules throughout the day.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Following their first day of classes on Thursday, they will have the evening meal on the patio of the B. C. Rogers Student Center where they will meet the 1990 Choctaw football team. At 7:30 p.m. they will gather in Swor Auditorium for a talent show.

Indian costumes will be the order of the day on Friday, Aug. 31, and there will be a costume contest at 10 a.m. The traditional "Clash of the Classes" will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, a college picnic has been planned at a local water park.

"There is a full orientation schedule planned for all the incoming freshmen and transfers," said Tom Washburn, Dean of Students, "but the activities will be informative and entertaining and will assist them in making a smooth adjustment to college life as experienced at Mississippi College."

IN THE BLACK

The entire College program, curriculum and extracurricular, has not only received acclaim and recognition, but an affirmation of its direction from individuals as well as foun-

dations and corporations. This past year, nearly \$1.5 million was given to the Annual Fund by 4,846 individuals, the largest number of donors in the college's history.

With the combination of individual gifts and corporate and foundation gifts, the college closed the books "in the black" for the 58th consecutive year, continuing the college's tradition of financial responsibility.

The 1989-90 academic year was a successful one, and this academic year promises to be another good one for Mississippi College; however, the college does not determine its success entirely on financial, curriculum or extracurricular success, but judges its own success by degrees.

This past May, 633 students received degrees, the largest graduating class in the school's history. Another 180 individuals were scheduled to receive degrees in summer commencement.

Gough writes for MC.

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William Carey College — from purpose to practice

By Hardy Denham

"William Carey College is a Christ-centered institution of higher learning owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention . . . committed to be an institution of unquestioned integrity and loyalty to the ideals of Christ . . . to provide a meaningful education with an emphasis on undergraduate and graduate programs in an atmosphere conducive to personal growth and the development of excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service." These principles, expressed in the statement of purpose of William Carey College, form the foundation on which the 12 specific objectives of the school are based. These objectives are more than stars in the eyes. They are the very reasons for the existence of William Carey College and the goals which the administration, faculty, and staff have committed themselves to reach and fully implement.

The new direction and change of emphasis at William Carey College as it moves from purpose to practice is seen in a number of ways.

First, there is a change of priorities in administrative organization. President James W. Edwards has replaced the usual administrative vice president's office with a vice president for denominational affairs. This new position of service will bring a strong emphasis to the relationship William Carey College has with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the churches that comprise the convention. This is a move from purpose to practice in strengthening the ties the institution has to the parent body and the churches it seeks to serve in the area of Christian education, as

well as to affirm our Baptist heritage.

Second, the college is adding the dimension of practice to purpose through a new Division of Missions and Biblical Studies, chaired by Dr. Larry Braidfoot, who is also Carey's new academic vice president. This division offers to students in general, and church related vocational students in particular, not only sound instruction in the Word of God, but a combination of classroom and field training in practical areas of ministry for churches and the community.

Third, the new emphasis on one aspect of the purpose of William Carey College is seen in the appointment of a coordinator of church-related vocations program. This appointment emphasizes the institution's intention to move from purpose to practice by having a staff member whose function is to help enlist, counsel and advise CRV students as well as correlate the programs of the college as it implements its objective "to prepare individuals for leadership in the denomination." Hardy R. Denham Jr. joined the staff at William Carey College as the minister-in-residence and coordinator of the church-related vocations program on Aug. 1.

Fourth, William Carey College is also moving from practice to purpose in the area of student development. One innovative dimension of this area is the works service program. This work ethics program is envisioned by Edwards as a means "to help students work their way through school without having to mortgage their futures

through excessive government loans."

Finally, a "Blue Ribbon Committee" has been formed as part of a "Visions 2000 Program" to help develop a new long-range plan for the college. This committee is jointly chaired by Larry Kennedy, pastor of the First Church of Laurel; and William Browning, businessman and trustee from Long Beach. The committee includes the members of the denominational Advisory Council appointed in 1989, along with additional representatives of Mississippi Baptist churches, community leaders, trustees, members of the faculty and staff, and representatives from the student body. The purpose of the Blue Mountain Committee is to identify possible strategies, priorities, and plans necessary for the transition from purpose to practice as the college approaches leadership for the 21st century.

"As the administration, faculty, staff, and student family continue to follow the leadership of President Edwards, emphasizing "service as the key to the faith dimension of our mission and commitment to scholarship as the key to better learning," the Carey family will "mature in its faith and grow in character and compassion for others who are in need of Christian service."

In moving from purpose to practice, William Carey College is continuing to be a center of Christian education and service, and a Baptist institution exemplifying the faith and vision of its namesake — William Carey.

Denham is minister-in-residence, Carey College.

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SGA GETS BUSY — Tracy Leonard, SGA president, and Monica Gaston, SGA commissioner of entertainment, are busy with details for William Carey's SGA Welcome Back party.

Carey SGA will continue dual role on campus

The Student Government Association of William Carey College will continue to play a dual role in campus life by coordinating all student activities and serving as an active link between the student body and the administration. The SGA has planned many back-to-school activities, including two welcome back parties for the students on August 26 and 27. They are also sponsoring a Labor Day bash, a faculty/student luncheon, and off-campus movies.

Two concerts have been scheduled by SGA for Carey students and facul-

ty, as well as, the general public. Mitch Rayborn, a Carey alumni and Christian artist, will perform on Thursday, Aug. 30, in Smith Auditorium. Chi Rho, the contemporary Christian group from Court Street United Methodist Church, will present an outdoor concert on Thursday, Sept. 6.

The Student Government Association will also work closely with the Carey administration by making campus policies and improving student life.

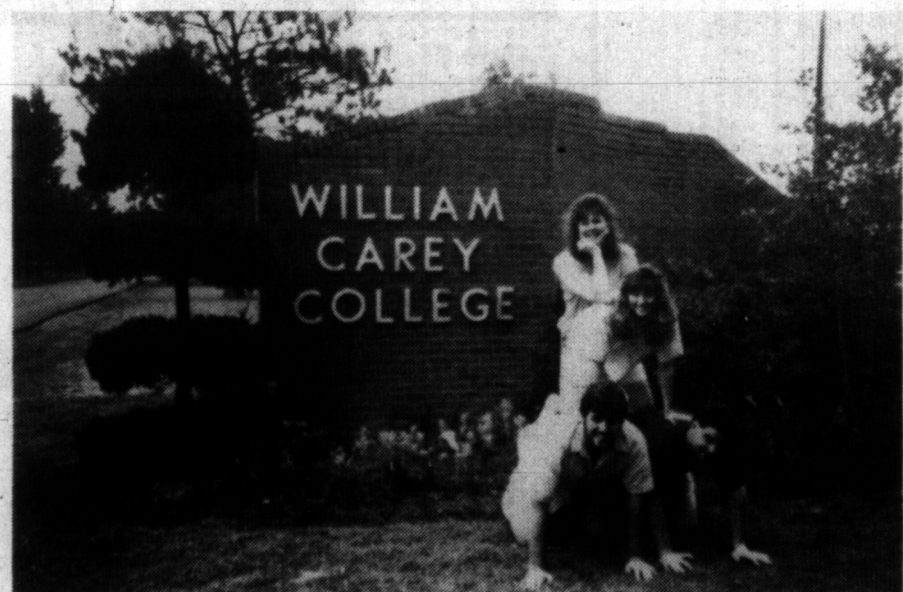
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William Carey College is committed to be an institution of unquestioned integrity and loyalty to the ideals of Christ, demonstrated through service, daily living, and in a broad scope of educational programs. In the liberal arts tradition, the college seeks to provide a meaningful education with an emphasis on undergraduate and graduate programs in an atmosphere conducive to personal growth and the development of excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

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TAKING IT EASY — William Carey College Student Foundation members Melinda Rogers, Rhonda Hensarling, and Donna Lewallen take a much-needed break from working in the computer lab and preparing an alumni mail-out.

Carey establishes student foundation

As part of its emphasis on the work ethic and volunteer service, William Carey has established a Student Foundation. The Student Foundation deals with both internal and external functions of the college, including campus improvements, academic support, alumni relations, fundraising, recruiting, and representing the college in the community.

This summer the Student Foundation members have been involved in an alumni phonathon for the annual fund, renovations on campus, several development dinners, prospective student days, and pre-registration for new students. The foundation also attended a leadership development workshop on the Coast campus. The workshop was conducted by Billy Browning, a Carey alumni and trustee who is an executive with Mississippi Power Company.

Students involved in the pilot program during the summer are Tracy Leonard, Grand Bay, Ala.; Nathan Barber, Bay St. Louis; Bobbi Ezell, Pensacola, Fla.; Chris Carter, Prentiss; Tara Sumrall, Hattiesburg; Bobby Byrd, Liberty; Donna Lewallen, Gautier; Scott Waldrop, Hattiesburg; Mary Sadler, Hattiesburg; Melinda Rogers, Mt. Olive; Rhonda Hensarling, Petal.

Carey appoints new faculty

Larry Braidfoot, academic vice-president of William Carey College, has announced appointments of three new members to the William Carey faculty.

Daniel Browning will be assistant professor of religion in the Division of Missions and Biblical Studies. Browning is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, where he earned master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees. His major field was biblical backgrounds, with minors in Old Testament and New Testament. Prior to entering seminary, he earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. He has been teaching at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth.

Charles McCarter will serve as professor of art and holder of the Gillespie Chair of Art. He will also serve as curator of the Gillespie Collection of Mississippi art which is housed in the Gillespie Gallery on the



HAND ME THAT CHAIR — Bobbie Ezell and Bobby Byrd, members of William Carey College's Student Foundation, move furniture in Lawrence Hall to get ready for renovations.

Coast campus.

McCarter served as department head and professor, Visual Performing Arts, Longwood College, Farmville, Va. While in Farmville, he was also facilitator for American Council of Education and curator of the Thomas Sully Gallery. He has also served as division head, Division of Fine Arts, Anderson College, Anderson, S.C., and gained administrative experience at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Mich.

Janet Williams will be assistant professor of nursing on the coast campus. She has the master of science and nursing degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and a master of business administration from the University of South Alabama. She has served a number of health care institutions in the South Alabama/South Mississippi area, including service as adjunct professor at William Carey College on the Coast.

Baptist Medical Center offers educational opportunities

By Laura Jones

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, the state's largest, nonprofit general hospital, offers students exciting educational opportunities in the schools of Medical Technology and Radiography. MBMC also holds clinical affiliation with Hinds Junior College's schools of Respiratory Therapy and Practical Nursing where students rotate through the hospital to gain clinical experience. In addition, nursing students from nearby colleges and universities do clinical training at MBMC, and residents from the University School of Medicine rotate through selected services.

Medical Technology is the branch of medicine that is responsible for the performance of laboratory determinations and analyses that the physician uses to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health. The school maintains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University which allow the proper transfer of credits for those who wish to substitute their clinical year in medical technology for their senior year in college.

The radiologic technologist is specifically trained to assist the radiologists (specially trained medical doctors) in radiological (commonly known as X-ray) procedures. The technologist is invaluable in performing the technological aspects of these studies which aid in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 18 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent.

"Meeting the challenges that these

medical professions bring give our students valuable 'hands-on' experience and a strong rapport with their instructors, leading physicians and expert health clinicians," said Kent Strum, MBMC executive director. "These vital elements, in addition to a caring, Christian working environment, produce graduates of whom we're proud. When our students graduate, they are prepared to find good jobs and are rewarded by the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

In addition to the education program and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. An active Baptist Student Union led by Kathy Bearden, BSU director, offers Christian fellowship and fun activities for the students. Starting this year, Miss Bearden says the students are bringing snacks to family members in the intensive care waiting areas. "We are also planning a mission trip of our own. We have a good group of students, and we want to reach people." Retreats, volleyball games, singing groups, religious emphasis week, raising money for missions, luncheons, and get-togethers promote friendships and encourage Christian involvement and growth.

Sherri King, a former radiology student at MBMC and now a radiologic technologist at MBMC, said she chose to come to Baptist for several reasons. "When I interviewed here, I just liked the atmosphere. It was clean and the people were friendly. I just sensed a real spirit of caring. After I enrolled here, I got involved with the BSU. BSU is good because it keeps you in line, it's fun and provides good fellowship."

Kay Martin, a student in MBMC's Medical Technology School and BSU

co-chairman, had heard good things about the school. "When I came to interview, everyone was so warm and nice. Even the administrative people seemed to care for the patients. It was obvious they want the patients to be first. I was involved with BSU at Holmes Junior College and at Mississippi State, so it was natural for me to be a part of it here. At a hospital there are people who are scared, who need encouragement — there are so many opportunities to help people. That's one reason I wanted to go into medical technology — I want to help people."

MBMC's administrative staff strongly supports the schools and is frequently involved with the BSU. "We enjoy having students at the Medical Center," said Lu Harding, assistant executive director over the schools, "because it gives us a chance to get acquainted with today's youth. We believe students play a vital role in our hospital. Their ideas, energy and inquisitive minds challenge us to provide them with the best resources possible."

"Strong administrative backing, dedicated instructors, excellent clinical experience and good Christian fellowship combine to build a firm foundation for the student beginning his or her medical career," said Miss Bearden. "MBMC provides outstanding educational opportunities for those who are interested in the medical field."

For more information concerning MBMC's health-related schools, interested persons should contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Laura Jones writes for MBMC.

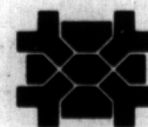
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Doors will open Aug. 26 for BMC students

By Jill Lindsey

Blue Mountain College officially launches its journey into the 1990's when the dormitories open for new students, Sunday, Aug. 26. The college begins its next decade with excitement and great anticipation. The faculty and staff are excited about the opportunity to assist in the development of the talents and abilities of those who will guide us into the 21st century. It is anticipated that the new students and those returning will add a special dimension to Blue Mountain College with their commitment and enthusiasm!

Orientation and registration are set for Monday, Aug. 27, with classes scheduled to begin on Aug. 28. The academic orientation schedule and the first week of classes will be supplemented by the student activities

sponsored by the Student Government Council and the BSU. The intramural activities will begin immediately, with swimming followed by softball, tennis, and volleyball. There are many planned activities for students, and all are encouraged to participate.

Blue Mountain College has been fortunate in attracting and retaining an outstanding faculty and staff who are dedicated and committed to providing a quality program of higher education. More than 43 percent of the faculty hold the terminal degree in the respective disciplines. There are three additions to the 1990-91 faculty. Sharon B. Enzor, who holds the doctorate from Vanderbilt University, will teach in the science department. Leon Enzor, a veteran elementary teacher and

administrator, will teach in the Education Department, and Jill Bierwirth, a candidate for the Ph.D. in church history, will teach in the History Department. All three of the additions are active Baptists, having made significant contributions of service and leadership in their respective churches. They will be good role models and set an excellent Christian example for the students.

The enrollment continues to remain good. The non-duplicating total for the 1989-90 academic session of 427 was exceeded only five times during the past 40-year period. All indications point to another good enrollment year for the college. The quality of the students continues to remain high and they possess a high degree of commitment and desire to develop their

talents and abilities.

Blue Mountain College is a distinctive Christian institution, and we point with pride to the fact that it has a two-fold mission — the education of women and the education of men in full-time church related vocations. The nineties hold many opportunities and challenges for educational institutions, and Christian institutions have a special responsibility in shaping the world in which we live.

The nineties can be exciting if you know who you are and what you are and that is where Blue Mountain College has made a significant difference. We have been successful in helping the students understand themselves, their strengths and weaknesses, and then to gain the self-confidence necessary to make a

positive contribution where they have lived and worked. It is exciting to be in an institution committed to responding to the needs of its students, to the needs of society and to the needs of its sponsoring denomination. Blue Mountain College has a rich heritage, but we are not resting on past achievements. We are meeting the challenges of today, and God is providing for us in a marvelous way.

We, at Blue Mountain College, thank all Mississippi Baptists for the support received and ask that you join us in prayer for the vision to see the unlimited opportunities and the wisdom to translate the vision into a reality this year and throughout the decade of the 90's!

Lindsey is public relations director, Blue Mountain College.

Harold Fisher reflects on 25 years at Blue Mountain



By Machella Jeter

"I had rather be at a small institution that's doing a good job, than at a large one not doing what it's supposed to do." That is what E. Harold Fisher said as he evaluated his past 25 years as president of Blue Mountain College.

Fisher was honored for his 25 years of service by the Board of Trustees at a reception at First Church, Jackson, on July 28.

Fisher became president on July 1, 1965, when the campus was shadowed by uncertainty and unrest, due to a six-month period where all key administrators were either ill or retiring. "There was a whole new administrative staff to assemble," Fisher said.

Retiring business manager J. E. Buchanan had been replaced by Dick Guyton. President Wilfred Tyler had become ill and died in the spring of 1965, and Buchanan was appointed acting president until July. Fisher, while employed by the State Department of Education, had been approached by Tyler about replacing Walter Taylor in the dean's position. "I declined," Fisher said. "I was happy with my job and felt I was in God's will."

However, he agreed to visit the campus, and on the way, was stopped in Oxford by heavy snow. "I felt the Lord had given me a sign; that this was as far as I could go," Fisher said. However, he was able to continue and visit the campus.

When later offered the deanship, Fisher refused, yet agreed to attend a Tupelo meeting to discuss the issue.

In May, 1965, he agreed to go to Grenada, "just to be eliminated," from a list of candidates for the presidency.

The board met at Grenada Lake, then excused themselves for a small matter of business. "All at once it hit me," Fisher said. "They had brought me out to the lake and left me stranded..." The men walked over to Fisher and told him he had unanimously been elected president of Blue Mountain College. "People began calling me that had never called before and encouraged me, and I accepted. I never sought the presidency," he said. Instead, he was sought.

Fisher was no stranger to Blue Mountain College. He fondly remembers dating his wife, Martha Huggins, in Lowrey Dorm. "The same date curtains that were there when we dated were there when I took the presidency," Fisher said. He once spoke in chapel during Religious Education Week. During these times, he little thought he would one day become Blue Mountain's president.

The presidency became a family affair. Fisher said, "I have seen the quality of the institution not only as an administrator, but through my wife and two daughters who are graduates. Not many can say that."

Daughter Barbara Mize attended the University of Southern Florida in gifted education and teaches in Rocky Mount, N.C. Daughter Laura James was Student Government President, attended law school, and is an attorney in Texas. The Fishers' son, Hal, worked on the college grounds during

the summer. He has an M.B.A. and is employed as director of development at Mississippi College. Mrs. Fisher teaches at Blue Mountain in the business department, and directs a personal development class.

During the 25 years of change, enrollment has been stable; yet the student population has changed with more commuting students. Enrollment was 311 in 1965 and 355 in 1989-90. Men students began attending in 1955, and enrollment has increased from 16 in 1965 to 42 in 1989. Due to adults continuing their education, the age and maturity of students has increased. In 1965, tuition was \$360 for 30 semester hours; in 1990, \$2,880, but financial aid has also increased. Endowment has increased 471 percent, with 70 new endowed scholarship programs totaling over \$1 million.

Fisher said, "The quality of the faculty and staff has remained high. No one teaching holds less than a master's degree, which has not always been the case." Values have stayed the same, but students are more "individually oriented," yet still interested in others and highly

motivated. "The majority come from middle income groups who bring a quality, it is reinforced, and they by large excel," Fisher said.

Evaluating the campus environment, Fisher said, "When I came, no doors on campus were locked for any reason. Security was not a problem and exams were not monitored. Students were scared to cheat!"

Fisher has helped to change the traditions of education. Geared for women with family responsibilities, three main programs — a teacher's assistant program, a night program, and a weekend science program — were begun under his administration.

"When the college was founded in 1873," Fisher said, "there was a need for a value system for women in the home and as mothers. Women must have the quality education to compete in today's society. I have been asked, 'Is it really necessary for a women's college today?' I say yes! It is as necessary as it ever was! A good education is a liberating factor for women to be productive in society."

Fisher, known affectionately by the students as "P.F.," is well known for

his sense of humor. Although the years have brought changes, his goals remain the same. Fisher received his B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from the University of Mississippi and did advance doctoral studies at Teacher's College, Columbia University. But in 1971, when he received his L.L.D. from William Carey College, he proved that learning never stops.

Former Dean of Women Hilda Hill of New Albany said, "President Fisher has lived up to the motto on the college gates, 'Enter to grow in wisdom; depart to better serve thy country and thy kind.' " She said he has instilled this motto in the students by encouraging them to be active in community service.

Does Fisher feel he's been cheated by being president of a "smaller" college? He feels he has not. "I have always tried to do the best I could where I was placed," he said, "I consider our institution as important as any other. The job is the same — to educate students to the best of our ability."

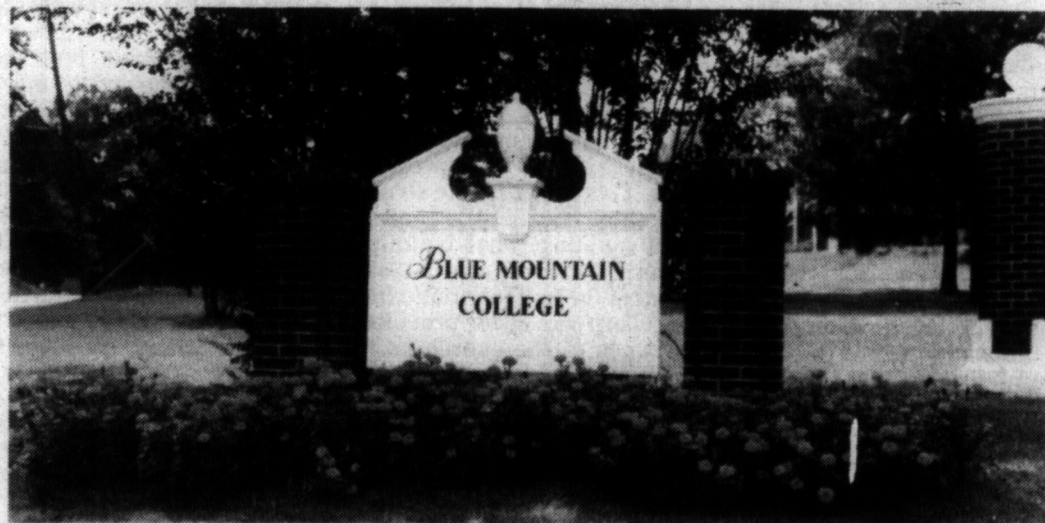
Jeter is a 1987 graduate, BMC.

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500 take studies in healing at Baptist Memorial Hospital

By Lois Young

A wide variety of opportunities for licensing or certification in the medical field are offered by the educational programs at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The largest offering, Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, has a three-year curriculum culminating in a nursing diploma. Also available is a bachelor of science in nursing completion program administered in conjunction with Jackson, Tennessee-based Union University. All pre-nursing courses and diploma courses are taught on the campus of the nursing school.

The school's 500 students learn their profession from 27 highly qualified, faculty members. Excellent clinical facilities are provided by Baptist Memorial Hospital, which is the largest private hospital in the world, operating nearly 2,000 licensed beds. Experience in the care of adults and children with medical, surgical and/or psychiatric nursing problems, and women during the reproductive cycle are provided.

Applicants must have a high school

or G.E.D. diploma, a 2.0 high school or college grade point average, a minimum composite score of 16 on the ACT, and one year of pre-nursing instruction.

The three-year total for tuition (annual costs vary between the first, second, and third years) is about \$14,000 for the nursing diploma program. In general, total tuition for the bachelor of science program ranges from \$6,000 to \$8,000, depending on a student's educational background.

Dorm rooms are offered at only \$30 per week, and financial aid is available to cover both tuition and dorm costs.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing and approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

Other educational programs at Baptist include radiological technology, radiation therapy technology, respiratory therapy, nuclear medicine technology, licensed practical nursing, and phlebotomy. The courses range from four to 24 months, culminating in licensure or

certification in these specialized fields.

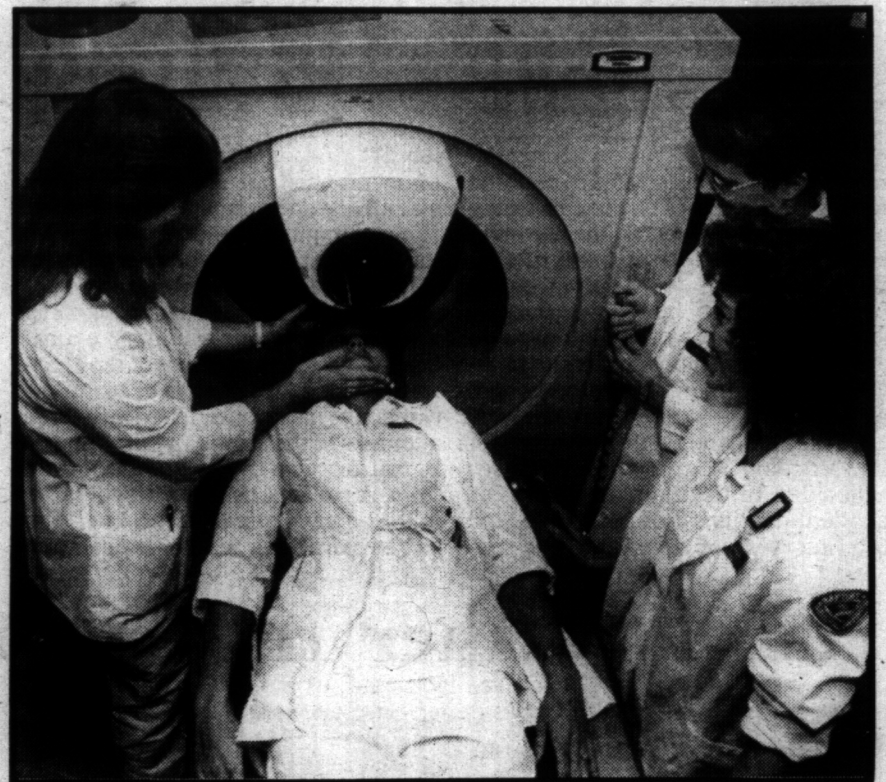
Intern and residency training programs are available in conjunction with accredited medical schools. Over 800 students are enrolled in programs, other than the School of Nursing, at Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Because all of these curriculums are single-purpose educational programs, classes are small and students receive individualized instruction and evaluation. Since the hospital is affiliated with the Baptist denomination, principles of man as a spiritual being are emphasized throughout the learning process.

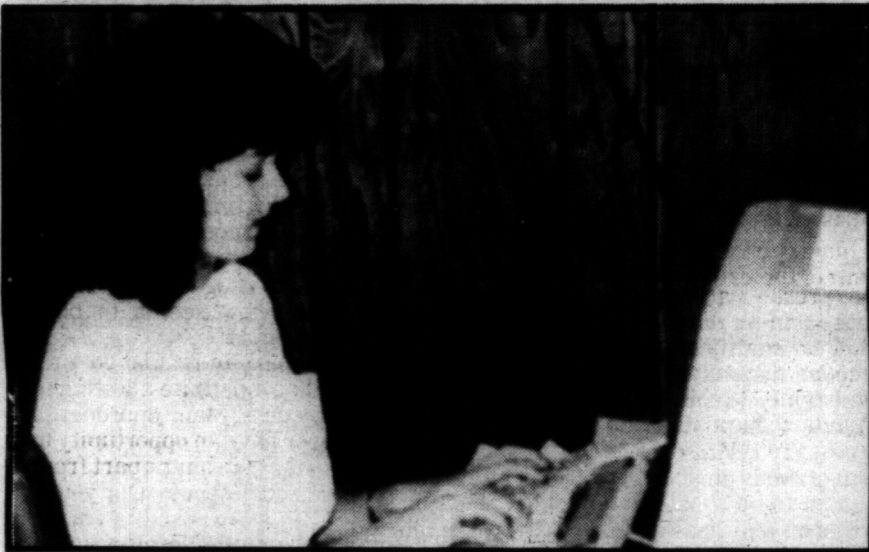
These quality educational programs are just one more reason why Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis is a leader in world medicine.

For more information about a career in nursing, call the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, 901-522-4301. For all other educational programs at Baptist, call 901-522-5252.

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PRACTICING with other students is a part of the training of the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Radiology, Memphis.



BSU IS READY FOR EXCITEMENT Donna Lewallen, William Carey College's BSU president, finalizes some last-minute plans for BSU back-to-school activities.

Hernando celebrates 150 years

Hernando Church, Hernando (Northwest) celebrates its 150th anniversary this week, Aug. 12-19. Activities for the week include a revival Sun-Thurs. with Gail DeBord and Wayne Watts speaking.

A Grand Celebration will be held Sunday, Aug. 19 beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship will follow at 10:55 with Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer, MCB, speaker. A covered dish luncheon in the fellowship hall will take place at 12:30. Dedication services for the new Christian Action Center will be held at 2 p.m., followed by an appreciation and song service. No evening services will be conducted.

Hernando Church was organized on August 22, 1840. A presbytery of elders including L. H. Milliken, B. B. Buchanan, and Joshua Stamps called a meeting of Baptist believers. After establishing a covenant, article of faith, and rules of government, 10 charter members came forward to comprise the congregation. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Beall, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Dockery, Martha Dupey, Mary Coleman, and "sisters of color" Rachel and Charlott (servants of Mr. Simeon Oliver).

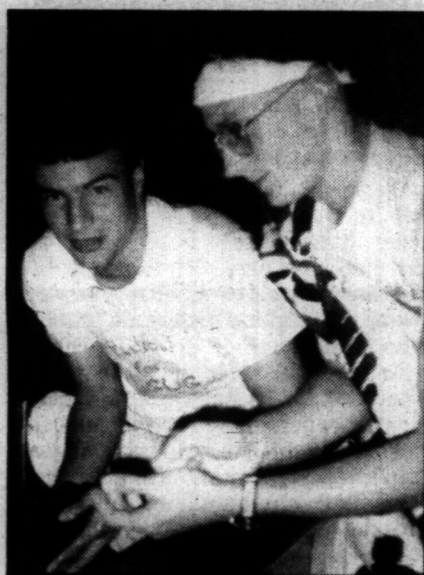
Buchanan became the first pastor of Hernando, on the salary of \$150 per year, preaching one sermon per

month. Forty days after the organization of the church, members raised funds for the purchase of a lot on which to build. The lot is part of the present site of the church.

Hernando Church celebrated its first Lord's Supper on Feb. 28, 1841. By May 22 of that year, the church edifice had been completed. Prior to that, services were held in a brush arbor or in members' homes. Hernando joined other area Baptist churches to form the Coldwater Association in June of 1841.

In February of 1901, construction began on a completely new structure on the west side of the present auditorium. This was a frame structure, which later became the core of the present building. That building was completely bricked over in 1938. The removal of the bell tower and the addition of classroom space provided the appearance of the church as it stands today.

Through the years, Hernando members and pastors were instrumental participants in the foundation of the Baptist Female Institute, the Hernando Male Seminary, and meetings of the early Mississippi Baptist Convention. The church is now pastored by W. E. Corkern, and has a membership of 858. Gary Beasley is assistant pastor and minister of youth. Don McPhail is music minister.



BSU TURNS GREEK — Chris Dufrene and Brad Arnett, members of William Carey College's BSU Greek Week team, get ready for a special Greek Tuesday-Night-Together fellowship.

Carey BSU sets new goals

William Carey College's Baptist Student Union is planning a year of changes, and they have also set some exciting goals.

One of the goals is to be more unified with the whole campus atmosphere. To help accomplish this goal, the college has placed all student organizations in Lawrence Hall so communication between staff and students will be facilitated. By working with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the BSU also hopes to involve more athletes in its activities.

Another goal is to be more prominent in the local churches through ministry teams. "The BSU is thrilled with the interest among the students for summer missions," said Donna Lewallen, BSU president. "They are praying that God will increase interest and numbers for the mission trip, summer missions, and weekly programs. BSU hopes that it will be a light not only on campus but also to the local area. It also hopes to be an active part of each William Carey College student's life."

Blue Mountain employs new faculty members

Blue Mountain College has announced the employment of three faculty additions for the 1990-91 academic session. Leon Enzor has been employed to teach in the Department of Education. A native of Alabama, he is a graduate of Frisco City High School, Clarke College, and Mississippi College. He also holds a master's degree in elementary education from Mississippi College. Enzor has completed additional study in educational administration at the Peabody College of Education of Vanderbilt University and the University of Alabama.

Enzor is a veteran elementary teacher and administrator. His experience in education has been earned in Mississippi, Alabama, Montana, and Tennessee. He has served various Baptist churches in these states as minister of music. For three years, he served as a music missionary with the Mission Corps of the Home Mission Board, SBC. The mission service involved setting up music and education programs with Baptist churches on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and Southern Baptist churches in eastern Montana.

Having just completed three years of teaching sixth grade in the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, Enzor will bring recent inner-city classroom experience to his classes at Blue Mountain College. While in Nashville, he was interim minister of music at Edgefield Church.

He is married to the former Sharon Ball, who has been employed to teach the physical sciences. Mrs. Enzor is a graduate of East Prairie, Missouri High School, Blue Mountain College with a B.S. in natural science, and the University of Mississippi with a master of combined science degree. She is currently completing her dissertation for the doctorate in science education at Peabody College of Education of Vanderbilt University.

Mrs. Enzor has served as a chemistry, biology, and general science teacher in high schools, and

junior colleges in Mississippi, Alabama, and Montana. She taught chemistry and the survey of physical science as a visiting instructor at Blue Mountain College during the 1967 to 1982 summer sessions. She has just completed three years teaching middle school science for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. In Nashville, she was named Metro Middle School Teacher of the Year for 1990-91.

The Enzors are the parents of two children, Jonathan and Jennifer. Jennifer will be a freshman at Blue Mountain this fall.

Jill Bierwirth is the third faculty addition for the 1990-91 session. A native of Greenville, S.C., she holds the B.A. in religion and music from Furman University and the M.Div. from Southern Seminary, where she will fulfill requirements for the Ph.D. in church history later this year. She has completed additional graduate studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville and St. Meinrad Theological Seminary in Indiana.

Bierwirth previously has served on the faculty of Campbellsville College and has worked in campus ministry at Campbellsville and Georgetown Colleges, both of which are affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. She has worked with Baptists in England and Chile in a ministry involving music missions, which is an area of particular interest for her.

Liberty, Flowood, to celebrate 150th year

Liberty Church, Flowood will celebrate its 150th birthday (1840-1990) on Sunday, Aug. 19. Morning worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. and conclude at noon with dinner on the grounds. Afternoon activities will begin at 1:30 p.m. Bobby Waggoner is pastor; Ian Richardson is minister of music; and Rowland Hall is summer youth director.

"Bloom where you're planted"

By Benny Still

For a long time I thought that God might be calling me into missions. I thought about it a lot and even wrote to the Foreign Mission Board for an application. The feelings to become a missionary were enhanced during a trip to the Holy Land in 1977 and during a Partnership Mission Venture to Argentina in 1985. I discussed the idea with my wife, who said, "God may be calling you, but he certainly hasn't called me. Maybe you should reconsider this 'call' you think you have!"

I was crushed. I talked with some missionary friends who echoed his sentiment that God wouldn't call one without calling the other, too. I was reminded what a detrimental effect by pushing the idea would have not only on my marriage, but also on the mission we might be sent to serve if we were not together in our decision and calling.

Shortly after that experience, I was reminded that if I were not willing to do in the place God had placed me the work that I wanted to do in a "mission" setting, then I needed to dismiss the thought of "missions" from my mind. I saw a WMU theme for home missions displayed on our church bulletin board that said "BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED." Boy, did that strike a nerve!

I had had visions of grandeur — the ultimate, I thought, was being called as a "missionary." But in reality I was already a missionary — right where I was! You know, the old "I can't see the forest for the trees" thing.

God gave me these words that I put in a song. They express the sentiment of my heart:

Bloom where you're planted, Someone needs to see . . . Bloom where you're planted, His love, so rich and free. Bloom where you're planted, His grace to others show. Bloom where you're planted, And the world 'round you will know . . . Jesus is the answer, For a world that longs for peace! Jesus is the answer; He sets the captive spirits free! Jesus is the answer; His love forever flows!	So, bloom where you're planted, And the world 'round you will know! There's a man out there who's lonely . . . There's a girl whose heart is cold . . . There's a soul that longs for comfort . . . And the Story needs to be told. Be companion for the lonely. Be warmth for the heart grown cold. Be helper of the helpless; Then the story can be told!
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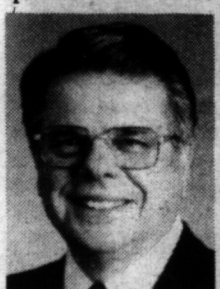
Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name" (John 15:16 NIV).

Do you get the message? I did!

Still is minister of music and youth, Woodville Church, and pastor, Fort Adams Mission.

Carey appoints Denham minister-in-residence

Jim Edwards, president of William Carey College, has announced the appointment of Hardy R. Denham Jr. as the minister-in-residence, and coordinator of church-related vocations programs.



Denham

His appointment with the college is for three-quarters time schedule, and he plans to devote the rest of his time to pulp ministry. Denham's duties at Carey will involve advising students who have an interest in pastoral ministries and other church-related vocations and serving as special lecturer in applied ministry courses. He will also coordinate conferences and seminars related to pastoral ministries. As minister-in-residence, he will be available for personal counseling related to special student needs.

Before moving to Hattiesburg, Denham served as pastor of North Long Beach Church, a division of First Church, Long Beach. He also worked in pulp ministry on a limited basis. He previously was pastor of First Church, Newton; First Church, Ellisville; Galilee First Church of Gloster; and Goodyear Church, Picayune.

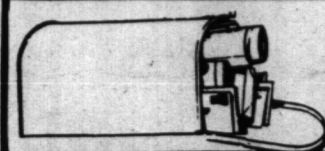
Denham is a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served as a

personnel counselor assigned to the Officer Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He taught Bible at Jones Community College in Ellisville for two years.

Following 15 years of service at the Newton Church, he spent five years in fulltime pulp ministry. He is the author of 12 books and a dozen Bible study guides, as well as a frequent contributor to PROCLAIM. He wrote for four years for the HOME BIBLE STUDY GUIDE, published by the Sunday School Board, SBC.

Active in denominational work, he served on the Education Commission and Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He was chairman of the Commission for two years, and president of the Board for three and a half years. Presently he is the chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He preached the convention sermon in 1975, and received preaching awards from the Sunday School Board of the SBC, and the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Penn.

Since Denham is working in pulp ministry, as an adjunct to his work at William Carey College, he is available for Bible conferences, pulp ministry, and interim pastorates. He can be contacted through William Carey College, or at his home in Hattiesburg: 2820 Lincoln Road, #43; 601-261-0548.



Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld. The withholding of names will be at the discretion of the editor.

A good fight

Editor:

Thank you for standing up and speaking out. I glory in your spunk. You are fighting a good fight and keeping the faith. The fundamentalists need to read again John 8:32 and consider its meaning. How long will this captivity continue?

I am a Methodist pastor of 38 years, preaching part-time in a union church.

Claude Johnson, pastor
Tutwiler Parish Churches
Tutwiler

Quality of news

Editor:

Thank you for all that you have done in keeping the quality of the news at its best. I really do look forward to getting the Baptist Record each week. You have been fair and representative of all that goes on in Baptist Life. Please keep it up. We are in your debt.

Caby E. Byrne
Memphis

Pray for colleges

Editor:

Many individuals and churches make significant contributions to our Baptist colleges each year. Much of this money then goes into the general fund of the school only to be swallowed up by extravagant athletic programs and payments on buildings that should never have been built.

The highest priority for our Baptist colleges must not be athletic teams, buildings, or secular acclaim. The highest priority must be the training of ministerial students; those whom God has called to be pastors, ministers of music, youth ministers, missionaries, etc. Is it more important for our Baptist colleges to be able to compete with other schools athletically and academically or for our churches to be able to compete as we seek to win the world for our Lord?

William Carey College deserves to be commended. As he had promised, Dr. Edwards has led the school to become more "distinctively Christian." However, Carey and our other Baptist colleges must demonstrate more concern for and support for our ministerial students.

I would urge those of you who, as an individual or as a church, contribute to any Baptist college to make certain that your contribution is used as effectively as possible. This would be done if you would request that your contribution be used for financial aid for ministerial students and not simply deposited into the general fund.

Finally, I would ask that each of our four Baptist colleges provide the Baptist Record with a detailed listing of aid that is given each year to ministerial students, also including the percentage of ministerial aid that comes from the general scholarship fund and not from endowed scholarships.

Please pray for our Baptist colleges.

Jeff Rimes
Pascagoula

Informing our people

Editor:

My husband and I want to express our appreciation to you as editor of our great Baptist Record. Your editorials are great. We depend much on the information you give us to know what is going on in our Southern Baptist Convention. The situation today certainly keeps one praying concerning these disturbing matters. As we continue to pray for you and the staff of the Baptist Record, we encourage you to keep up the good work that you are doing in informing our people.

Mrs. Wade Massey
Laurel

Hide the truth

Editor:

The SBC's fundamentalist leaders claim they stand for truth; but their actions in firing Al Shackleford and Dan Martin, two of the finest religious journalists in the country, demonstrate with startling clarity that they will do anything and everything to hide the truth. Secret meetings, guards armed with automatic weapons, orders for participants to remain silent — and, of course, the crude attempt to stifle a free press — all of these are the actions of those who walk in darkness and who fear the light. After 30 years of cooperative giving, I can no longer send money to this crowd, and I urge my fellow Baptists to do likewise.

T. J. Walsh
Memphis

Appreciate openness

Editor:

Just a note to let you know that I am remembering you in prayer. I, along with other ministers that I know, appreciate the openness and honesty of presenting the news of the Southern Baptist Convention. I am deeply grieved at what is happening in the SBC. I have an even deeper concern when I see the possibility of these tactics taking place in our state. My greatest desire is to see Mississippi continue its commitment to missions without the controversy coming into our state.

Thank you for your conviction to present the news in openness and fairness.

David L. Sellers
Collinsville

Stand behind editorial

Editor:

In your editorial, "Two Sizable Camps," which appeared in the Baptist Record of June 28, you wrote, "Moderates had their turn at trying to discredit a convention official as they questioned the work of Roland Lopez, pastor of an ethnic church in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, as chairman of the convention's committee on nominations. There were moderates who claimed that his church was not a Southern Baptist congregation by virtue of not having given through the Cooperative Program for the past year. The Baptist

Record checked with the director of missions for the association, however, and learned that the charges could not be considered factual."

In "Letters to the Editor" in the Baptist Record of July 19, Mr. Ray A. Thompson of Jackson wrote, "The Committee on Nominations is all powerful in that it controls the appointments to boards and committees. The chairman of this committee was discovered not to be a member of a church in fellowship with our convention."

Since you printed no reply to Mr. Thompson's letter, I would like to know if you stand by your editorial as regarding the chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Bill Barrett
Lexington

Yes, definitely. Since the matter had been discussed editorially, there was no reply to Ray Thompson's letter. I have found no reason to change the editorial statement, however. — Editor.

Outstanding youth week

Editor:

I want to commend Jan Cossitt and the committee for putting together an outstanding program for Gulfshore's youth week.

She had excellent personnel for the worship services. Our youth people were highly complimentary of the family group leaders and found the entire program to be beyond their expectations. They had originally wanted to attend Ridgecrest in '91, but the consensus now seems to be a return to Gulfshore.

The missionary-in-residence program should be a definite addition to future youth weeks. Many churches in our state never have an opportunity to use a missionary speaker apart from world mission conferences. Our young people need to be exposed to people who have been on the foreign fields. In this day of financial difficulties in many state churches, mission giving is often the first item to be trimmed. Giving counselors an opportunity to dialogue with missionaries is an appropriate way to deal with this potential problem.

Gregg Thomas, pastor
Fredonia Church
New Albany

Need pastors' pictures

Editor:

We are trying to locate former pastors or some of their descendants in an effort to obtain their pictures for our church history and thought a letter to the Baptist Record might help to locate them.

Those pastors who we don't have are A. J. Darling, 1923-1925; H. T. Vaughn, 1925-1927; and D. H. Waters, 1927-1931.

If anyone knows where we may get in touch with any of the mentioned pastors, please contact us.

W. B. Davis
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Fulton, Miss., 38843

Revival results

First Church, Charleston (Tallahatchie): July 25-29; Gary Rivers, Gadsden, Ala., evangelist; Steve Shirk, Paris, Tenn., music; 34 professions of faith; four rededications, and 13 baptisms; Tommy Clark, pastor.

Education Commission adopts interim report

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Members of the Southern Baptist Education Commission adopted an interim report from a special accreditation task force during their annual meeting and voted to present a report of the committee's work to the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1991.

Commission members also expanded the 7-member task force by adding two additional members who are not professional educators and extended their work at least through the next meeting of the commission in June 1991.

The two new members were added after discussion of a motion referred to the commission by the Southern Baptist Convention.

David B. Wood of North Carolina made the motion from the floor of the recent Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans which requested a committee "to study the feasibility of establishing a Southern Baptist Convention accrediting agency for our seminaries and colleges. This study committee should be composed of Southern Baptist pastors, educators and lay persons whose training and experience relate to this subject."

The motion was referred to the Education Commission under SBC Bylaw 28 which requires that motions pertaining to the work of an agency be referred to trustees of that agency.

William Cotton, commission chairman, said the request of the motion already was being fulfilled by work of the existing task force.

In related action the commission voted to increase representation by appointing James E. McDaniel, pastor of First Church, Brinkley, Ark., and James H. Roach Sr., a layman and president of Briarcliff Corporation of Shreveport, La., to the task force.

Commissioner Bob Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, in Shawnee said the task force had identified specific concerns which have

prompted interest in a proposed agency, explored the nature and purpose of accrediting agencies, looked at how accrediting agencies are formed, and explored alternative measures which might be taken.

The interim report, drafted by Agee at the request of the task force, said, "There seems to be a widely held perception that accrediting agencies such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Theological Schools represent external forces which apply pressures which prevent Baptist colleges and seminaries from being as distinctively Christian as our Baptist constituencies want them to be."

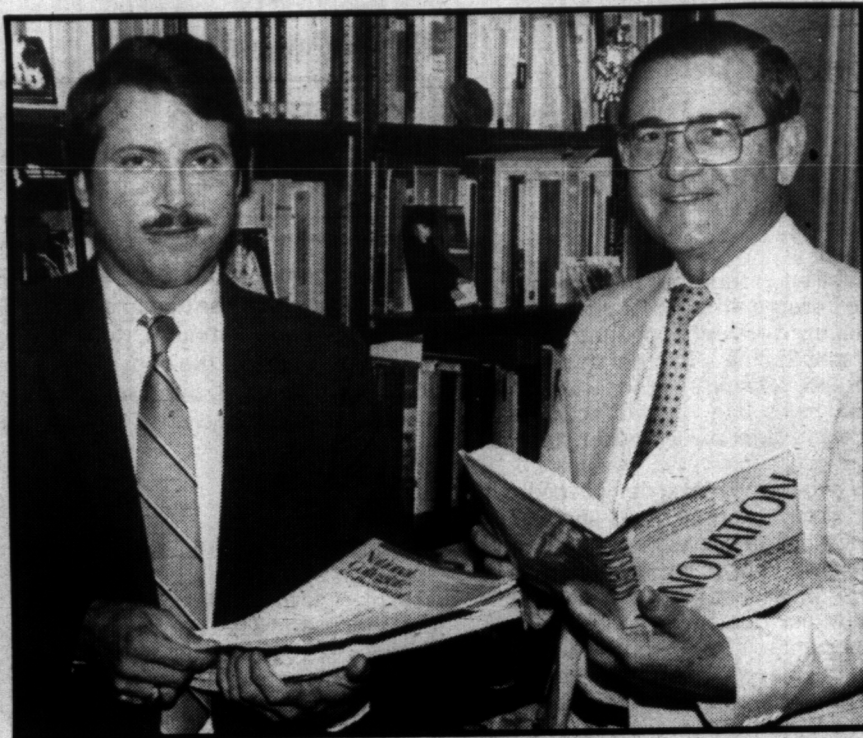
According to the report, the task force reported it is not the purpose of accrediting agencies to prevent Southern Baptist schools and colleges from fulfilling their distinctively Christian mission statements. The report further says the formation of a Southern Baptist accrediting agency probably is not a workable mechanism to assure correction of the perceived concerns of some Southern Baptists.

"The task force needs to gather more input from outside educational circles," Agee said. "We need to poll the views of a broad cross-section of Southern Baptist pastors, educators and lay persons on the issue."

Commission members charged the task force to continue its study and authorized Education Commission Executive Director Arthur L. Walker Jr. to draft an interim report of the Committee's second year of work which would be presented during the Education Commission's report to the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta.

The Education Commission also approved a budget for 1990-91 of \$576,114.

The commission reelected as officers: William R. Cotton, Hastings, Fla., chairman; Van D. Quick, Clinton, Miss., vice chairman; and Patrick O. Copley, St. Louis, secretary.



J. B. Watson Jr., assistant professor of sociology (left), and Glen Eaves, dean of the College of Arts and Science at Mississippi College, look over texts for the new sociology course, Social Dimensions of Modern Technology, recently implemented at Mississippi College. The new course is one aspect of a \$7,240 grant from the BellSouth Foundation. The other focuses on a statewide conference on "Technological Development in Mississippi: The Social Dimension" to be held during Science and Technology Week in April 1991. (MC PHOTO)



The Music Department at Mississippi College was the recipient of a new Steinway grand piano. The Steinway was a gift of Stuart C. Irby Jr. of Jackson in honor of Gerald Claxton, assistant professor, music faculty member since 1959, and coordinator of the applied voice area in the Music Department. Pictured in the music studio are, standing (left), Richard Joiner, associate professor and head of the Department of Music, and Claxton. Seated at the new piano is Ralph Taylor, professor of music. (MC PHOTO)

Carey music accreditation reaffirmed

Donald Winters, chairman of the Department of Music at William Carey College, has been informed that the National Association of Schools of Music Commission on Accreditation voted to continue in good standing the following degrees: bachelor of music in applied music; bachelor of music in music education; bachelor of music in church music; bachelor of music in music therapy; and bachelor of arts in music.

11 receive Presidential Scholarship honors

Bennie Crockett, chair of the scholarship committee of William Carey College, released the names of 11 students who have been designated as Presidential Scholars for the 1990-91 academic year.

The Presidential Scholarship, the most prestigious one that Carey offers, is awarded on the basis of test scores, co-curricular activities, and leadership and service roles. All students receiving awards scored at least 28 on the ACT and have demonstrated superior grade point averages.

Students awarded Presidential Scholarships include Freshmen, Kevin C. Walker — Saucier; Roger Harr — McDavid, Fla.; Sophomores — Bradley K. Arnett — Coden, Ala.; Nathan L. Barber — Bay St. Louis; Jennifer L. Welford — Grand Bay, Ala.; Juniors — Tracy L. Leonard — Grand Bay, Ala.; Andrea Victoria Piper — Picayune; Tara J. Sumrall — Hattiesburg; Seniors — William A. Hawks — Gulfport; Susan L. Lofton — Gautier; Kelly Rouse — Lucedale; Linda L. Winnard — Gulfport.



Jean Chapman receives award from President Harold Fisher.

Blue Mountain BSU anticipates exciting year

The Baptist Student Union is getting ready for an exciting year. Last year an average of 109 students was involved in at least one phase of BSU each month. The BSU seeks to give students an opportunity to serve others through various forms of ministry such as Children's Church, nursing and children's home visits, Fine Arts teams, Noonday, summer missions, and short-term missions projects. The BSU seeks to give students an opportunity to develop spiritually through discipleship groups, dorm Bible studies, men's Bible studies, retreats, and Noonday.

The school year will begin with Executive Council members helping new students move into the dorm on Sunday, Aug. 26. Later that afternoon, a mini-retreat for freshmen only will be held at the Baptist Student Union. On Monday, Aug. 27, a Welcome Party will be held. The theme of this year's party is "Surf's up with BSU." The party is going to include a Scavenger Hunt.

Sept. 17-20 are the dates for the campus revival. This year's speaker is Steve Bennett, pastor of Colonial Hills Church, Southaven. Leading the music will be Jeff Ginn, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Ashland.

Community missions plays a significant role in the function of this BSU. The on-going ministry of Children's Church, conducted at Lowrey Memorial Church, gives students an outlet of ministry. Last December, the BSU clothed two children, as well as provided presents and food for the family. The Community Missions Committee gives opportunity monthly to visit the residents of Roselawn Nursing Home, and the Baptist Children's Home in New Albany bi-monthly.

Realizing the fact that the campus of Blue Mountain College is predominantly commuter, the BSU continues to seek ways to involve those students in the over-all program. Involvement is increasing

through the activities of Commuter Noonday and commuter luncheons.

Mission Emphasis Week was held in October and featured both home and foreign missionaries, as well as student summer missionaries. Mission '90 was a highlight in December as 16 students and the director participated in the event held in Fort Worth, Texas. "Reflections," the BSU ensemble, was part of a missions outreach project in an area mall. The team saw one young boy come to know the Lord as a result of the effort. A team of 10 students traveled to Denver, Colo., in May for a mission trip, to do youth work and telephone survey.

This past summer, six students served as summer missionaries. One student worked as a counselor at Camp Garaywa. Two students worked as summer youth ministers. Last year, students raised over \$7,000 for student summer missions. The goal for the 1990-91 school year is again \$7,000.

First woman president serves College of Chaplains

ATLANTA (BP) — Elaine Hickman, a Southern Baptist chaplain, will be the first woman to serve as president of the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Health Association.

Hickman was named president-elect by the body's 2,100 members this spring and will be installed to the office next March. After serving two years as president-elect, she will become president for two years.

The College of Chaplains is the certifying body for hospital chaplains of all faiths nationwide.

About 25 percent of chaplains certified by the College are women. Membership includes 335 Southern Baptist chaplains of both sexes.

Hickman works at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, Calif., where she became the first Protestant chaplain to serve as a manager in a system of 12 Catholic hospitals.

She is a native of Heath Springs, S.C., and a graduate of Furman University and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

BMC honors outstanding faculty member

Jean Chapman, associate professor of science, was named Outstanding Faculty Member at Blue Mountain College for the 1989-90 academic session. Chapman has been a member of the faculty for 25 years, in the chemistry department.

Her students have excelled in graduate programs and in their professions and have acknowledged her superior academic ability and teaching skills as primary factors. Her interest in the students is evident in the number of advisory positions and committee assignments she has accepted during her career.

The outstanding faculty/staff member award was initiated by the Board of Trustees in 1972 to recognize the qualities of a master teacher/administrator and to express gratitude for significant contributions to the college.

Clarke College looks to the future

On Aug. 28, Clarke College will register students for its 82nd session. Plans are being made now for the arrival of students beginning on Sunday, Aug. 26, with dormitories opening at 2 p.m.

As returning students arrive at Clarke, they will find several changes have occurred over the summer. First, due to contributions of over \$10,000 by former International Business Machines Corporation employees to the 1989-90 Clarke College annual fund, Clarke College will have \$50,000 worth of new IBM computers and printers, including a new eight-computer laboratory for teaching computer science courses with five other computers and printers scattered over the campus for both academic and administrative purposes. Second, during the summer, the number of air-conditioned rooms in the women's and men's dormitories has been doubled. Third, the Clarke College student laundry has been completely re-equipped with new washers and dryers.

Clarke College is again expecting a large number of ministerial students (approximately one-third of its enrollment) with these students being joined by ministerial students in the associates program of the New Orleans Seminary on the Clarke campus and those of the Mississippi College religion program on the Clarke College campus. Jim Read stated that this large concentration of ministerial students is due to three primary factors: the historic emphasis on ministerial education at Clarke College; the supportive family-like at-

mosphere on the Clarke College campus that stresses the importance of reaching one's full potential; and the amount of financial aid available to ministerial students at Clarke College.

Clarke College is again expecting an excellent athletic program for the 1990-91 academic year with the women's intercollegiate basketball program being re-activated under the direction of Coach John Ishee after a year of being sidelined because of injuries.

The men's varsity basketball team will again be coached by Coach Ricky Lindsey who has only one returning sophomore player and a group of promising freshmen.

Clarke College's winning varsity baseball program will be under the direction of Coach Bryan Burt this year, returning from a winning season in 1990 where they were consistently ranked among the top 20 junior college baseball teams in the nation.

Clarke College continues to maintain its strong liberal arts core curriculum for its students (ministerial and non-ministerial) emphasizing obtaining the basic knowledge in a broad variety of fields and emphasizing courses that are easily transferrable to senior colleges. Dean of the college, Jim Read, stated that through its development courses to bring people up to the level where they can succeed in college courses and its strong liberal arts core curriculum, Clarke College will continue to be the open door to higher education for Mississippi Baptists today and into the future.



Clarke College Fifty-Year Club members gather for luncheon meeting, May, 1990.



Clarke Summer School registration, 1990.

Carey on the Coast sets fall schedule

William Carey College on the Coast has released its fall schedule for the 1990-91 academic year. Registration for the Coast campus will be held on Aug. 30 and will include a cook-out and a BSU open house which will be attended by representatives from area churches.

Classes will begin on Sept. 4. New student orientation will take place during the week of Sept. 4 and will include several guest speakers from the Gulfport area.

Several athletic and back-to-school activities have also been planned for William Carey College on the Coast. The men's and women's soccer teams will hold training camp on Aug. 20-29. The Student Government Association's planning workshop will be Aug. 24-26. Carey is also planning a "Welcome to Carey" party and establishing several new clubs, including an art club and two professional nursing organizations.

LIBERIA

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Dean Ekberg, of Rockford, Ill. Ekberg, a geological engineer working to develop water projects in Liberia, evacuated from Monrovia earlier and now is helping with relief work for Liberian refugees in Sierra Leone.

Ekberg sent 25 100-pound bags of rice in a canoe across the river that divides Liberia and Sierra Leone. Laughridge planned to pick up the rice and return the same day, but the process took longer than expected and forced Laughridge and the rebel soldiers to spend the night at the river before returning Aug. 9 to Mano River.

The desperately needed rice, distributed to rebels and civilians in Mano River, lasted only a short while, Mrs. Laughridge said. Finding food apparently is becoming the main concern of both civilians and rebels in the area, she said.

Southern Baptist missionaries working with Liberian refugees in Ivory Coast reported similar hunger needs.

"I watched rice being unloaded in a village (in Ivory Coast) of more than 2,000 refugees," said missionary David Brown, of Marietta, Ga. "Eight or nine children rushed in with pans to scoop up rice that had spilled onto the ground." Stray grains of rice were even swept up from the truck beds to make sure none was wasted, he said.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has spent \$98,000 through the Ivory Coast mission organization for the Liberian Refugee Project. Brown and other mission workers have distributed food to more than 16,000 Liberian refugees in the last few months, he said. Recently the Foreign Mission Board released an additional \$150,000 for the relief project.

Some refugee camps, though safely behind Ivory Coast's border, are gripped with fear, Brown said.

"At night it is difficult for them to sleep because they hear gunfire," he said. "They are afraid perhaps that if they fall asleep they will once again be attacked or killed, even though they are now safe on this side of the border."

More than 200,000 refugees have fled the fighting in Liberia's seven-month civil war, which has killed more than 5,000 people, mostly civilians. Peace-keeping troops from west African nations were reported to be building up on Liberia's borders. Also, 2,000 west African troops were reported to be headed by sea from Freetown, Sierra Leone, to Monrovia. The peace-keeping force will try to end the civil war.

Martin writes for FMB.

BMC basketball ends '90 season with 14-12 record

By Jack Mosier

Having completed my first year as basketball coach at Blue Mountain College, many experiences come to mind. These experiences can best be categorized first from a coaching perspective, then from a personal viewpoint.

From a coaching perspective, the 1989-90 season was filled with excitement and expectation of opportunities for a successful season. In retrospect, the season can be condensed into four

words: expectation, adversity, perseverance, and goals.

Our young ladies worked hard during the preseason preparing for the upcoming campaign. At Christmas break, we held a record of 6-2 and were very pleased. However, when the "New Year" arrived, many adverse events began to take place. One girl transferred back home to a school in Texas and another contracted symptoms of what was believed to be

mononucleosis. One player, several weeks into the second semester, became ill with bronchitis. The result was a second semester team composed of six or seven players which, in this league, makes winning an almost impossible task.

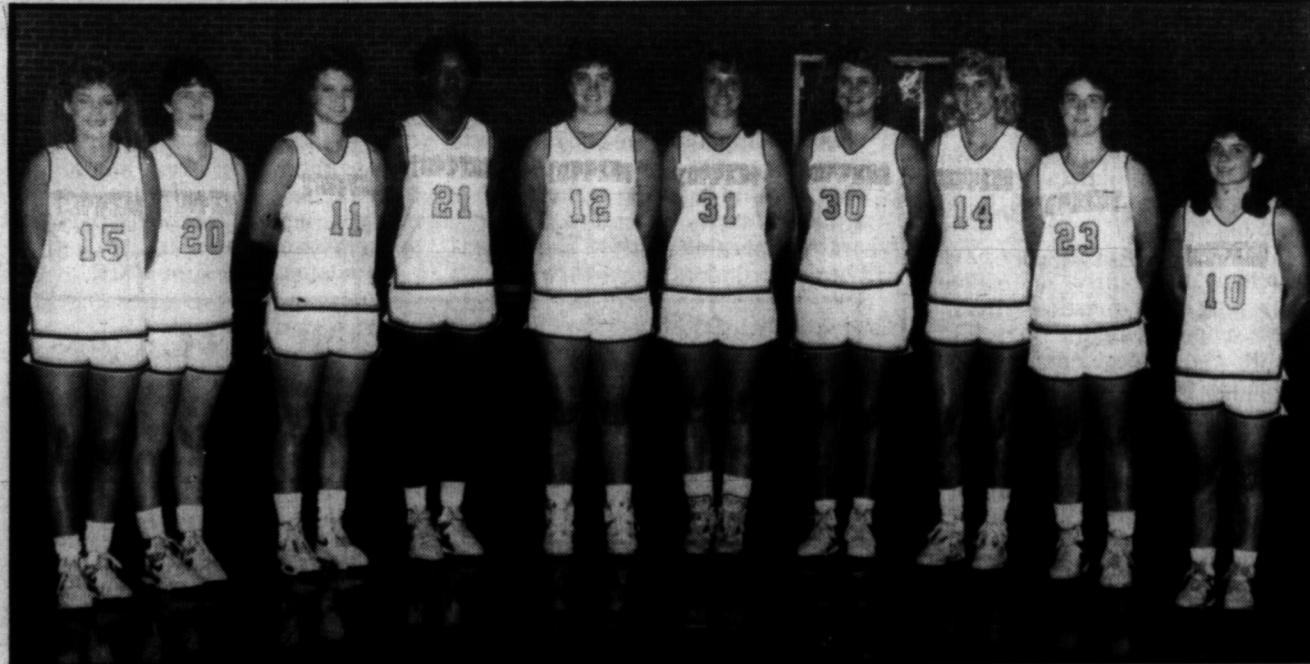
Another sad note during the holidays was that our faculty athletic advisor was diagnosed with a serious illness. The team and I were faced with a true dilemma. In our pregame

devotions this year, we usually used a one-word theme on which to expound. During a struggling period, the word "persevere" was addressed and issued as a challenge. The girls responded and worked as diligently as any group I have ever coached. The game performances were tremendously intense, action packed, and competitive. At the beginning of the season we had established two goals — a winning season and to make the playoffs.

We accomplished the first goal with a 14-12 record, the first winning campaign since 1977. The second goal was narrowly missed by a three-point defeat in the final game of the season. I am truly thankful for the efforts of each of our team members.

From a personal perspective, 1989-90 at Blue Mountain College was a growing period. The faculty and staff are a fine group of Christian people committed to quality education. My athletic director has been tremendously supportive since the first day. Teaching and coaching has been a fun experience and I have enjoyed becoming acquainted with each individual student. The most important factor is that I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that coaching at Blue Mountain College is God's will for me at the present time. I believe it is one of the most secure feelings in the world when we are where God wants us to be, doing what God wants us to do. What a great relationship!

Mosier is basketball coach at BMC.



BMC BASKETBALL TEAM — Left to right — Tamara Todd, Stephanie Huff, Becka Roberts, Cheryl Hobson, Susan Polk, Annette McCoy, Shona Simmons, Melissa Collier, Cyndi Strickland, and Misty Smith.

Names in the news

Henry E. Hight of Philadelphia; Kenny Goff, pastor of Four Mile Creek Church in Jackson County; Oscar Bowen Beverly, retired pastor, Woodville; Danny Lanier of Northcrest Church, Meridian; Wayne Carter, minister of education and music at First Church, Saltillo; J. G. (Buster) Thomas of Oakland; and Bobby J. Cossey Sr. of Glen, have been selected to be inducted into Who's Who in Mississippi. These men were

recognized for outstanding professional achievements and service in their respective fields of religion, education and music, and ministry of the gospel.

Three men with Mississippi ties named for selection by Outstanding Young Men of America are Russ McClelland of Crystal Springs, Clyde D. Sims of Jackson, and Ruben R. Raquel of Honolulu, Hawaii.



Hight



Goff



Beverly



Thomas

Missouri conservatives will launch newspaper

By Trennis Henderson

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Conservative Baptist pastors and laymen are holding a series of seven organizational meetings throughout Missouri and are planning to launch a new monthly newspaper.

The first two sessions were held at Frederick Boulevard Church in St. Joseph, Mo., and Calvary Church in Republic, Mo.

According to Kent Cochran, one of the organizers of the meeting, five more gatherings are scheduled in various parts of the state during the next few weeks.

Cochran, a member of Gashland Church in Kansas City, said conservative Baptists will begin printing their own monthly publication in August, and are planning to nominate a conservative candidate for president of the Missouri Baptist Convention next October in Kansas City.

Cochran described the efforts as "parallel to what's happened on the national level in the last 12 years." Cochran added that Missouri "is not the only state" where conservatives are holding similar organizational meetings, but did not specify any other states.

He said the first two meetings have drawn about 20 participants each, noting that local pastors have contacted him and other laymen about leading the meetings. Local pastors make most of the arrangements, he added.

Mike Green, pastor of Calvary Church in Republic, said his church hosted one of the meetings because "some of my deacons and I felt it was time as a church to speak up."

Green said all of the church's deacons were in favor of hosting the meeting. "We see it as just being in-

involved in the Baptist process of speaking our mind and hopefully contributing something that will further the cause that we feel is important and that is the conservative resurgence."

Green insisted he is not a "troublemaker" but was concerned about the issues involved.

Green said that in addition to an interest in an alternate newspaper, "some of my laypeople are very concerned (because) we went to the national convention and voted to give responsibilities of the Baptist Joint Committee to the Christian Life Commission and yet... there will be an attempt not only in Missouri but several states to try to circumvent that and fund the Baptist Joint Committee on the state level... That frankly angered a lot of my laypeople."

Cochran observed that most of these men feel the Missouri Baptist Convention is unresponsive. "They just feel like they have very, very little participation in the Missouri Baptist Convention itself."

Concerning plans for a conservative paper in the state, Cochran said it will be financed by donations from churches and laypeople for the first four months. At the end of November, they will evaluate whether the publication will be continued and how it will be financed.

Cochran said that Curtis Peck, a member of Rock Hill Church in St. Louis, will be the paper's editor. Cochran said he will handle the business end, printing and distribution.

Henderson is managing editor, Word and Way, Missouri.

Thank you for letting me get this burden off my heart. I believe the only thing that is going to end the controversy in our great convention is pastors and staff fellowshiping together, praying for one another, and supporting our associational, state, and national convention work with our promotion, presence, and prayers, not necessarily in that order.

B. Don Womble is pastor of Cliff Temple Church, Natchez.

Maryland/Delaware member resigns from Exec. Committee

By Bob Allen

OCEAN CITY, Md. — Maryland/Delaware's member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee is resigning from the group because of its handling of the July 17 termination of Baptist Press employees Al Shackleford and Dan Martin.

Terry L. Davis, pastor of Ocean City (Md.) Church, said July 19 he planned to submit his resignation to Harold C. Bennett, president of the Executive Committee.

Davis said the firings of Shackleford, director of Baptist Press, and Martin, news editor, along with the committee's decision to act in executive session and instructions by the SBC's attorney that members not discuss anything that went on in the meeting, prompted his decision.

"I had scores of letters and several phone calls," before leaving for the called business meeting, Davis said. "Not one was in favor of what we were doing. I had the impression it was the same for the other members of the committee. I do not think they are listening at all to Southern Baptists. That is very disturbing to me, but there is nothing I can do about it."

Davis, who was elected to an unexpired term on the committee in 1986 and re-elected to a full four-year term in 1989, admitted his resignation will be welcomed by some leaders of the Executive Committee as the departure of one more "moderate" member. He disdains the label. "I have been labeled because I have opposed some of the actions of the Executive Committee," he said.

"Being a Southern Baptist and being on the committee and not having a voice there, I think I know how Southern Baptists feel without a voice in convention matters," Davis said. He said he is glad he has served on the committee to speak on behalf of Southern Baptists who otherwise would have been denied a hearing. "I apologize to them that I cannot continue."

"The situation is such that I don't want to be a part of the Executive Committee any longer," he said. "When people say 'Terry Davis is a member of the Executive Committee,' I am embarrassed."

Davis said he plans to stay home and work at his church.

Allen is editor, Baptist Tribune, Maryland/Delaware.

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Whatever the timing, a major concern is students, Leonard said. "One of the saddest aspects of this relates to our students... (But) if all the seminaries in the SBC offer primarily one kind of instruction, where will the Baptist students go who do not conform to that kind of instruction?"

Fundamentalists asked that question, and that's why Mid-America and Luther Rice seminaries were started. I guess moderates can ask that question, too."

The seminary professors have not reached uniformity or consensus regarding the questions that face them, Leonard said.

But their consensus involves teaching, he added: "We're committed to being here. We're committed to our students and are going to try to help our students deal with being ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention at this time. We hope we'll be here in 10 years."

In the meantime, however, "we are asking questions because we have to feel we have some participation in our future."

Knox is editor, Western Recorder, Kentucky.

Virginians propose to cut SBC budget allocations

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A proposed 1991 Baptist General Association of Virginia budget that would channel \$3 million less to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program unified budget does not reduce those contributions adequately, said most speakers at a called meeting of the Virginia Baptist general board July 31.

However, the majority of the speakers said they were prepared to support the proposal for the time being.

An estimated 750 people attended the session, called by BGAV President Ray Spence to give general board members and other Virginia Baptists an opportunity to discuss a draft budget proposed by the BGAV budget committee.

Although the general board does not approve the budget, the board unanimously adopted a motion "affirming" the work of the budget committee. The committee will present a final budget proposal at the BGAV annual meeting Nov. 13-14 in Richmond.

The \$16,300,000 draft budget would allocate \$2,776,100 in undesignated gifts to the SBC Cooperative Program (CP), while designating an additional \$2,776,100 to Southern Baptist and other causes. The remaining amount would fund Virginia ministries.

Because the SBC recognizes undesignated gifts alone as CP contributions, only \$2,776,100 could be considered CP funds from Virginia. This year the state has budgeted \$5,943,200 in undesignated gifts to the CP.

If the budget is adopted, churches will have the option of retaining the current 62-38 percentage division between Virginia and SBC causes, with all the SBC portion being undesignated CP contributions.

They also could withhold funds from selected ministries by utilizing the BGAV's limited participation, or negative designation, provision.

Each item in the proposed Virginia portion of \$10,087,800 would receive increased funding over the current year's allocation.

The national and world ministries portion, which totals \$5,552,200, would be distributed in two ways. Fifty percent, or \$2,776,100, would be an undesignated contribution to the SBC Cooperative Program, to be allocated according to the budget approved by the SBC in June.

The remaining \$2,776,100 would be designated to eight ministries. Under SBC bylaws, designated gifts are not considered Cooperative Program contributions.

The ministries are the Foreign Mission Board, \$1,611,950; Home Mission Board, \$620,000; partnership missions, \$134,150; Baptist World Alliance, \$100,000; a theological education reserve fund, \$100,000; Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, \$75,000; Associated Baptist Press, \$60,000; and the Annuity Board, \$25,000.

Associated Baptist Press was established by several state Baptist paper editors following the firing July 17 of the director and news editor of Baptist Press, the denomination's news service.

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U.S. Embassy. An estimated 3,000 Americans live in Kuwait. Some were reported to be seeking safety at the embassy as conditions in the capital deteriorate and food becomes harder to obtain.

"We do plan to have people leave as soon as it is possible to travel," the spokesperson said. "The airports, land borders, and docks are all closed at the moment."

The Grahams were assigned to an evangelical church across the street from Kuwait's national assembly building. The assembly building was among a number of government facilities stormed by Iraqi troops. After several brushes with Iraqi troops who entered their home on the church compound, the Grahams and their two sons, ages 13 and 10, took shelter some days ago in the home of a U.S. Embassy official in the city.

The emerging Middle East crisis "has the potential of bringing a

number of countries where we have people assigned... into the conflict," commented Dale Thorne, who directs Southern Baptist work in the Middle East and North Africa. Thorne was interviewed by telephone Aug. 8 in his office in Nicosia, Cyprus.

"We're encouraging our people to keep very close to their information sources in their countries," Thorne said. "They are free to leave when they feel they need to leave. We can't really tell them (what to do), because who knows what's going to happen?"

Conflicting reports on the whereabouts of the Grahams were issued by U.S. State Department spokespersons, (some saying they were staying in the American Embassy in Kuwait, others saying they were in the home of an Embassy official) who nevertheless said that the couple and their two sons are safe.

"We know they are OK and they have been in contact with the Embassy," Jill Misage, State Department spokesperson, said Aug. 10.

Toalston writes for FMB.

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to our class that he could not, in good faith, recommend to a church a man who was not willing to listen to someone else preach or teach. You see, no matter how intelligent or educated a man is, we can always learn something from others because they have had experiences different from ours.

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Mr. and Mrs. James T. (Jim) Ray, left, pose with Tri-County Association director of missions, George F. Lee, on July 22, as Ray is installed as pastor of Bunker Hill Church, Columbia. Lee gave the charge to the church and pastor. Ray had served as pastor of Falkner Church, Falkner, for six years.

Harperville Church (Scott) has called Arlis Nichols as pastor, effective Aug. 5. His former place of service was Pine Grove Church, Quitman. He received his education from William Carey and New Orleans Seminary, and has done postgraduate work in counseling psychology. A native of Baldwin, he and his wife, Barbara, have two sons: Michael, minister of education and singles, Hardwick, Ga.; and Kevin, USAF, Honolulu.

Glen Putman has resigned Derma Church in Calhoun Association to accept the call of Lakewood Church in Birmingham, Ala. He has been Derma's pastor for the past eight years and is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, New Orleans Seminary, and Mississippi State University.

Locust Street Church, McComb, has called Charles R. (Chip) Price as interim pastor, effective July 1. A native of Summit, he received his education at Mississippi College and will begin his studies at New Orleans Seminary in August. His previous place of service was First Church, Terry.

Lester M. Jeffers has accepted the call of Sunflower Church, Sunflower, as pastor, effective July 15. His former place of service was Laurel Hill Church in Neshoba County.

Trent F. Grubbs, pastor, retires

After more than 42 years in the ministry, Trennis (Trent) F. Grubbs, pastor of Harbortown Church, Lafayette Association, since July 1, 1986, retired from the active pulpit ministry, on July 31, 1990.

A native of Union County, he received his higher education from Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

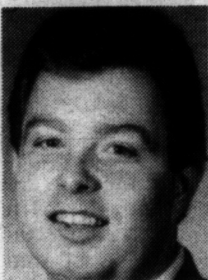
Grubbs has served Baptist churches in central and north Mississippi, and has been active in denominational work, having served as trustee of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, SBC, and as a board member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, as well as in numerous positions in local associations where he has pastored. Trent and his wife, the former Evelyn Gault, of Sherman, have one son, Harold, and two grandchildren; Trent (U.S. Army), and Lianna (high school sophomore).

The Grubbses will be moving to their retirement home at Rt. 2, Box 320-B, New Albany, MS 38652 (telephone 601-534-3175).

He will be available for supply, interim, revivals, Brotherhood conferences, senior adult conferences, Bible studies, etc.

Pinelake Church in Brandon, Rankin Association, has called Shelby Neese of Gordo, Ala., as minister of music, effective July 23. A native of Panama City, Fla., he received his education at Troy State University and Southwestern Seminary. His previous place of service was Lake Arlington Church in Arlington, Texas. Lannie Wilbourn is pastor.

Wendell Dodd has been called as minister of education by First Church, Pontotoc, effective July 1. Dodd is a native of Winfield, Ala. He received his bachelor's degree in religious education from Mississippi College, and his master of arts degree in religious education from Southwestern Seminary. Dodd formerly served as minister of family life activities at Emmanuel Church in Alexandria, La.



Dodd

Hebron Church, Meridian, has called Todd Vance of Lake, as minister of music and youth, effective July 8. His previous place of service was Antioch Church, Rankin Association. He received his education from East Central Community College and University of Southern Mississippi. Tommy Jones is pastor.

Good Hope Church, Lena, has called Oster R. Daniels as interim pastor. He recently moved to 1302 Highway 16 West in Carthage.

Good Hope Church will be the eighth church Daniels has served as interim pastor since retirement. The Daniels' are also working with the Home Mission Board as consultants in volunteers in missions and mission service corp.

Paul R. Jordan has been called as pastor to Easthaven Church, Richland, Rankin Association, effective July 15. His previous place of service was Mount Zion Church, Walnut Grove, Leake Association.

Dry Creek Church, Kemper County, has called Albert Homer Jr. of Meridian as pastor, effective Aug. 5.

Robert M. Paul, Jr. has been called as pastor of New Hope Church, Monticello. He goes to New Hope from New Orleans where he graduated from New Orleans Seminary with a master of divinity degree in May. Paul has also been an instructor at William Carey College's New Orleans campus teaching courses in American and



Paul

World History for the past year. In addition to the degree from NOBTS, he holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in history from Troy State University at Dothan.

Mississippi Baptists participate in successful mission to Alaska

Baptists from Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, and Arizona recently participated in a mission trip to the Anchorage, Alaska area. The group of 64 left July 9 for a 12-day trip which saved the Chugach Association, and state convention offices at least \$150,000 in labor costs.

Several major building projects were completed, along with two Vacation Bible Schools and four Backyard Bible Clubs held.

One of the most extensive projects was accomplished at the Jewel Lake Church. Workers there stayed the entire two weeks with this congregation to build 28 kitchen cabinets, move an existing cabinet, put up numerous shelves, and hang six doors. Nearby Inlet View and University churches also benefitted from the workers' stay, as they gleaned a freshly repainted downstairs area, and a new stoop, respectively. Project workers report that they also made innumerable house repairs for members of all three congregations. Included in the group which worked at Jewel Lake were Mississippians Eddie and Joy Harris and Roland Lyons, Cedar Bluff; Don Grafton, Laurel; James Alford, Ackerman; Lowell Oswald, Mathison; and Clarence Woods, Louisville.

Lee Bruce of Edwards and Loyd Dewberry of Maben spent four days of hard work at the Willow Church. While there, they hung sheetrock and insulation, caulked windows, and cleaned and painted the parsonage.

At the East Third Avenue Native Church, workers replaced carpet in the building foyer, replaced two complete stairways, repaired patches of tile in the hallway and kitchen areas, repaired the baptistry drain and kitchen sink, caulked a bathtub, and removed all the pews in the auditorium to facilitate a subsequent sanding and refinishing job on the

floor. In addition, the workers there also painted and repaired a trailer belonging to the church. During the week of July 10-16, a Vacation Bible School was held at the East Third Avenue Native Church, with an enrollment totalling 61 by week's end.

Another successful VBS was held at the Sunset Hills/Hillside Church. Workers who participated in that week report that the children were eager and excited. Enrollment there hit a high of 72 at midweek.

Another of the major projects completed by the mission group was the installment of approximately 400 feet of steel posts and chain to form a fence between the state convention office building parking lot and the adjoining property. The 30'x150' office building was scraped and painted in two coats, and all the building windows were cleaned and retrimmed. Areas of rotten wood on two stories of the outside decking were also replaced, primed, and repainted.

The Arkansas work crew was instrumental in completing major remodeling projects on the interior of the Solid Rock Church.

At the South Anchorage Church, workers were busy painting, repairing roof leaks, and even replaced two universal joints on a van and a car. The mission group donated and installed a new washing machine, and contributed \$450 to go toward the con-

gregation's land debt.

Other Mississippians who worked on the Alaska mission project were Thomas Bruce, Cleveland; Terry Cutrer, Louisville; J. D. Cutrer, Pascagoula; Helen Gipson, Cedar Bluff; Arline Jones, Columbia; Carol Henderson, Woodville; Louise Hill, West Point; Odie Keen, Louisville; Enloe and Tony Kee, Woodville; Kathrine Lee, Starkville; Joe Mansfield, Pascagoula; Clarence Mayo, Cedar Bluff; Doris McCully, Cedar Bluff; Merle McMinn, Mathison; V.A. and Nell Moss, Laurel; Gary Reichenbach, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Simmons, Natchez; Jackie Sullivan, Louisville; Louis Smith, Silver City; Cliff Watkins, West Point; Ira and Memory Alley, Bruce; Thomas and June Snowden, Brandon; and Frances Gallant, Cedar Bluff. Olyn Roberts, pastor of Blythe Creek, was coordinator for the mission.

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Alliance will meet at Northminster, Jackson

The Mississippi Chapter of the Southern Baptist Alliance will meet at Northminster Church, Jackson on Sept. 8, according to Howard Williams. Williams, an organizer of the event, is associate pastor of Northside Church, Clinton.

Featured speaker will be James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, which lost major funding from Southern Baptists at the June Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has nine participating Baptist denominations and acts as a voice in Washington concerning religious liberty issues.

The Southern Baptist Alliance is a fellowship of Southern Baptists formed in response to the "conservative" resurgence in Southern Baptist life. Participants in the Alliance are generally termed "moderates." This is the Mississippi chapter's annual meeting.

The program begins with registration at 9 a.m. with a welcome and theme interpretation at 9:30. The theme will be "Choosing Hope."

According to Williams, at 10 there will be discussion of planned events at a meeting in Atlanta, Aug. 23-25, of several "moderate" groups in the denomination. "That meeting has been set to discuss strategies for continued participation in the denomination in light of changes being made by the 'conservative' leadership," said Williams.

Dunn will speak at 11. Lunch follows at noon. And at 1 p.m., there will be a discussion of alternate funding methods for Southern Baptist-related activities. From 2 to 2:30, there will be a worship service.

Participants need to pre-register, said Williams. Cost will be \$10 per person. Lunch is included in the cost. To register, write Northminster Baptist Church, 3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211.

Revival dates

Cliff Temple Church, Natchez (Adams): Aug. 19-22; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Jeff Parker, Morgantown Church, Natchez, evangelist; Ronnie Nottingham, Lucedale, music evangelist; B. Don Womble, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church, Meridian: Aug. 19-23; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Johnny W. Tucker, Citronelle, La., evangelist; Buddy Ramey, Meridian, music; Chester Carlisle, pastor.

Summerland Church, Taylorsville (Jones): Aug. 19-22; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Scott Palmer, Sylvaena Church, Wesson, evangelist; Jim Hulon, Summerland Church, music; David Kendrick, pastor.

Arkadelphia Church (Lauderdale): Homecoming, Aug. 19; Mike Russell, First Church, Lauderdale, guest speaker at 11 a.m.; lunch following; 6 p.m. evening services; Aug. 20-22; revival services; each evening at 8:30; Gordon Sansing, preaching; Don Mercer, music.

Oak Grove Church, Smithdale (Mississippi): Aug. 17-18; 7:30 p.m.; Buford Easley, pastor, Williams Blvd. Church, Kenner, La., evangelist; Aug. 19, homecoming; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Homer Davis, former pastor, now with the Georgia Baptist Convention, guest speaker; dinner in fellowship hall at noon; gospel singing by New Continentals at 1 p.m.

Star Church, Star: Aug. 19-23; 7:30 nightly; Gary Bowlin, evangelist; Don and Sarah Odom, music; Gayden Harrell, pastor.

Wheeler Grove Church (Alcorn): Aug. 19-23; services, nightly; Danny Sparks, Thrasher Church, evangelist; Kara Blackard, pastor.

Harmony Church, Brookhaven (Lincoln): Aug. 19-23; services, 7 p.m.; James Sanders, West McComb Church, McComb, evangelist; Charles Guy, pastor.

Williamsville Church, Kosciusko: Aug. 19-23; services, 7 p.m.; Jim Futral, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, evangelist; Jim Keyser, First Church, Calhoun City, music; Tom McCurley, pastor.

North Greenwood Church (Leflore): Associational Sunday School revival; Aug. 19-24; 7:30 each night; Leon Kilbreth "Mr. Sunday School," evangelist; Jerald Welch, director of missions.

First Church, Boyle: Aug. 19-24; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; weekdays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Kiely D. Young, First Church, Greenville, evangelist; J. B. "Buddy" McElroy, Liberty Church, Liberty, music; Joseph Anderson, pastor.

Bellevue Church, Hattiesburg (Lamar): Aug. 19-23; Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner; afternoon, 1:30; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Billy Crosby, Shreveport, La., evangelist; Billy Crosby family, music; Mike Shumock, pastor.

Lebanon Church, Seminary (Covington): Aug. 19-24; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Billy Guest, Corinth Church, Magee, evangelist; Talmadge Rutland, Lebanon Church, Seminary, music; Donald Riley, pastor.

Just for the Record



First Church of New Albany recently held an Acteens Recognition service with the theme of "Regal Radiance." Pictured are those honored. Seated, front row (left to right): Queen Susan Autry, crown bearer Brad Callicutt, Queen Kathy McGill, crown bearer Jennifer Morton, Queen with Sceptor D'Anna Bennett, sceptor bearer Catherine Ann Herrington, Queen Jamie Morris, and crown bearer Will Tucker. Second row (standing) Queen with Sceptor Molly Crews, sceptor bearer Will Cornelius, Queen Heather Brown, crown bearer Mary Beth Conway, Queen Amy Littlejohn, Queen Hollie Dulaney, crown bearer Corrie Barkley, Queen with Sceptor Kimberly Pounders,

sceptor bearer Lori Goudelock, Queen Regent in Service Shawna Brown, pin bearer Leslie Still, Queen Regent in Service Lori Koon, pin bearer Jennifer Joslin, Queen Regent in Service Kim Sims, pin bearer Chase Sims, Queen Regent in Service Catherine Archer, cape bearer Farris Burns, Queen Farrah Barton, crown bearer Benjamin Hopper, Queen Shannon Foster, crown bearer Brittney Foster, Queen with Sceptor Lee Ellen Didier, sceptor bearer Hunter Kitchens, Queen Emily Tarrant, and crown bearer Claudia Still. Leaders are: Jane Goode, Bonnie Gammel, Judy Brown, Clarice Collums, and Jane Didier.

South Forrest Southern Baptist and United Methodist churches are sponsoring, "The Starlight Celebration," Sunday night, Aug. 19 at the Dixie School Ball Park, 6-8 p.m.

Church groups will provide all special music beginning with pre-celebration singing at 5:30.

A youth time will begin at 5:15 at the Dixie Community Center with homemade ice cream. Connie Shelton is youth speaker. Guest speaker for the celebration is Bill Nobles of Hattiesburg.

White Oak Church, Magee, will host a gospel sing at 7 p.m., Aug. 18. The Trinity Quartet and The Gospel Harmony Makers will be performing. A love offering will be taken. James Edwards is pastor.

Annual state ministers' golf tournament: Aug. 23, 24; Brookwood Country Club, Forest Hill Rd., Jackson; \$45 fee includes green and cart fees and cookout; sponsored by Hinds Madison Association contact Charles Nikolic, 362-8676 or 373-8199.

Fellowship Church, Mendenhall, had 98 enrolled and an average attendance of 75 at Vacation Bible School, June 10-15. The Cooperative Mission offering was \$260 which was \$60 over the goal. The school received a distinguished VBS award. Belinda Barnes was director. Jimmy Sellers is pastor.

Revival dates

Standing Pine Church, (Leake): Aug. 17-19; 7 nightly; Fuller Saunders, evangelist; David Grumbach, pastor.

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Mississippi Baptist activities

Aug. 25 Associational Officer Training; FBC, Oxford; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (PD)



"God's Beautiful Bouquet" was the theme for the Acteen Recognition service at First Church, Gautier, June 3. Receiving awards were (left to right) Queen Regent Bonnie Baker and Leslie Koski, Queens Chelia Fanter, Holly Reeves and Jessica Stringer, center, flower girl Kourtnei Trehern, Queen Regent in Service, Vicki Haygood. Leaders: Reba Koski, Angie Miller, and Francelle Sanderford.



Zion Hill Church, Wesson, won the Mississippi State High School Slowpitch Champions of 1990 Tournament held at Woodville Heights Church in Jackson.



Ephesus Church, Scott County, held a special day on July 8, to honor the pastor and his wife, Kenneth and Thetia Jones, to celebrate their 25th anniversary in service to Ephesus and their 36th wedding anniversary.

A reception was held in the afternoon, and that night, the congregation surprised the pastor with a "This Is Your Life" program.

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Senior Adult Corner



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Live as children of God — doing good and not evil

By Jim Smith
I John 2:15-3:10

Understanding is essential to the application of the week's lesson. First, our understanding of the two Gnostic ideas John was writing to refute is necessary. Second, an understanding of the Greek words and tenses used and translated as simply love and sin in the KJV is necessary to obtain the true meaning of the text.



Smith

We discovered last week that there were two lines of Gnostic thought with which John was dealing. Some Gnostics said that the body is evil and must constantly be kept under subjection by ascetic living to keep from sinning. John addressed this issue in I John 1:1-2:14, pointing out that all men sin. It is impossible not to sin because it is our nature, and when we slip (as we all do occasionally), Jesus is our advocate before God to obtain our forgiveness when we repent of and confess our sins to him.

The other Gnostic thought was that the body

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is evil and is going to perish anyway; so you could live in sin (continually) because the physical (outer) body was not important, only the spiritual (inner) body. John addresses this question in today's lesson, I John 2:15-3:10. In this passage we find a scripture (I John 3:9) that has probably been used by Satan to damn more people to eternity in hell than any other passage in the Bible.

John uses the Greek word hamartia and hamartano (sin) in these passages in the present tense to express not a one-time or occasional act (sin), but rather continual or habitual acts (constant sinning) on the part of the individual. I suggest you consult your pastor or utilize a good commentary for a more thorough analysis. When you add the force of the participle to the description, we see a person who continues (habitually) to commit sin or continues to live in sin. This realization is necessary to avoid the apparent conflict envisioned between this week's passage and I John 1:8-10 in the

KJV.

Turning to a further consideration of the scripture, it may seem strange to us that John would tell us not to love the world. I believe he explains his admonition in verses 16 and 17 of Chapter 2. It is not the creation of God we are not to love, and it is not the lost or saved inhabitants we are not to love, but rather the sin and evil desires to be found in the world. John uses the term agape and its derivatives in this passage. This is the term for love given by and required by God (the Greek language has at least three different words for love when we only have one in English). Christians must not give the love that should be reserved for God to the sins of the world! When we do so on a continual basis, we deceive ourselves concerning the state of our salvation.

John further explains his reasons for writing the letter in verses 18-27. He does so to expose false teachers and deceivers.

We as Christians are to live in anticipation of Christ's return. We are to live in a way that we will be able to stand before him and answer for our actions and attitudes in life with all confidence. God is righteous and anyone that has

Christ living in him has his righteousness. The presence of that righteousness is a sign of being born in Christ, an outward manifestation of an inward characteristic.

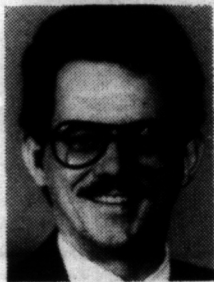
We are the sons of God by adoption through Christ Jesus. We must live as his children. It is human nature to wonder what we will be like and look like when (1) Christ finishes his work in us on earth and (2) when Christ comes again. We do not know for sure, but we will be like Christ. We will eventually have a new glorified body as Christ has, and in heaven we will experience no more tears, death, sorrow, hurt, or pain. We will live in the glory and presence of God.

We are the children of the heavenly King; let us live like it. Live in his righteousness, doing good and not evil, having our old sinful nature replaced by the new sinless nature of God. For someone to continually abide in sin whether of habit or willful desire is a sure sign that person has not committed his life to Christ. The nature of Christ is righteousness; the nature of the devil is sin and evil. What is your nature? Who is your spiritual father? Christ or Satan? Smith is pastor, Mt. Gilead Church, Meridian.

Wisdom — how to get it and how to recognize it

By Bob Rogers
James 1:1-8; 3:13-18

Franklin D. Roosevelt took the oath of office as President of the United States in 1933, in the depths of the Great Depression. Banks were closing, and millions were without jobs and hungry.



Rogers

FDR had no program to cure the depression when he took office; but he had the wisdom to call together a "brain trust" of experts and try their ideas, many of which continue to this day. You may or may not be facing your own depression, but all of us need to learn how to find wisdom to deal with our trials. We find it in this Sunday's lesson, James 1:1-8; 3:13-18.

1) The need for wisdom (1:1-4)

James encourages us to rejoice when we face various "temptations" (vs. 2). The Greek word for "temptations" can also be translated "tests"

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or "trials," which is the meaning here. Joel Gregory says, "God tests believers to bring out the best; Satan tempts them to bring out the worst" (see James 1:13-14).

The trials we face are an opportunity for us to develop patience (vs. 3), which is a victorious endurance, not a defeated resignation. This active patience makes us "perfect and entire," or as the New International Version puts it, "mature and complete" (vs. 4).

Some people grow bitter from their troubles; others grow in endurance and maturity. James encourages us to choose the second option. For this we need wisdom.

2) How to get wisdom (1:5-8)

We need wisdom to grow from our trials. How do we get wisdom? Verse 5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." As the old saying goes, "If you want knowledge, go to college. If you want wisdom, go to God." God never

fails to give wisdom to those who ask in faith. The mediator of God's wisdom is the Holy Spirit, available to all Christians to guide us into truth (Acts 2:38, John 16:13).

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (vs. 6). Some people have taken verses 6-8 to mean that if someone doesn't receive anything from the Lord it is because he doesn't have "enough" faith. Not so! The father of the epileptic was given his request despite his weak faith (Mark 9:24). James is drawing a contrast between those who ask in faith and the "double minded man" (vs. 8) who tries to sit on the fence between faith and disbelief. Perhaps he or she says, "I'll try God; it can't do any harm." That's not faith.

3) How to recognize godly wisdom (3:13-18)

If we know that we need wisdom to face our trials, and we can obtain that wisdom when we ask God in faith, how can we recognize true wisdom in ourselves and in our Christian leaders? James answers this question in 3:13: "Who is a wise man and endowed with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conver-

sation his works with meekness of wisdom." Thus we recognize a wise man or woman by a godly lifestyle and humble attitude.

An examination of 3:14-18 reveals that the key difference between earthly "wisdom" and true wisdom from God is whether it produces division or peace. Earthly "wisdom" produces envy and strife ("jealousy and selfish ambition" in the New American Standard Bible), but the word "peace" is used three times in verses 17-18 to describe "wisdom that is from above." Godly wisdom is not revealed by quoting more Bible verses than someone else, but by a pure, humble life that produces peace and love among believers.

Ask your fellow class members or a senior adult to share testimonies of how God gave them wisdom to deal with various troubles in their lives. Apply our lesson in James to the lives of Solomon in I Kings 3:6-28 and his son Rehoboam in I Kings 12:1-19. Why did they need wisdom? How did they get it? What kind of wisdom did each one get? How do you know? Rogers is pastor, Calvary Church, Gloster.

Saul's downfall begins

By Lannie Wilbourn

I Samuel 13:5a, 8-14; 14:47-48

How do you trace the downfall of a man chosen by God for special service? Every Christian needs to face this question honestly. While it is hard to see the very beginning of many things in life, the downfall of any Christian begins with disobedience to the direction God has given him. Effective Christian service is diminished by disobedience.



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The story of Saul offers valuable lessons for us. Saul was king and, as such, the military leader of his people. He had divided the army of 3,000 soldiers between himself and his son Jonathan who attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba with his 1,000 troops. This angered the Philistines and Israel became "a stench" (13:4 NIV) to them. Saul called out the troops to meet at Gilgal. The reports of enemy troop strength were not encouraging, "three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore" (13:5a NIV).

Overwhelming odds is an understatement of the situation. The military leaders of Kuwait could describe the feelings based on having faced the million man army of Saddam Hussein of Iraq. Number was not the only superiority of the Philistines. They had learned the secret of iron-working from the Hittites. The production of iron tools for agriculture and iron weapons for war was a closely guarded

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Philistine secret. The Philistine soldiers had far superior equipment for battle. Among the Israelite army, only Saul and Jonathan had swords and spears for battle. The situation was as desperate as attacking a squadron of F-15 jet fighters with a crop duster. Desertion and chaos are described in 13:6-8. The strength of our faith is tested by the size of the crisis we face. But the size of our victories is determined by the strength of our God.

Saul's downfall began with his response to the crisis. He relied on his leadership position and the rituals of his religion to save him. He refused to wait for Samuel's prophetic guidance for the battle they faced. In 11:7 Saul made clear that Samuel was a part of the leadership team and God gave the victory. In the large crisis he faced at Gilgal, Saul forgot Samuel and the real source of earlier victories. A helpful question in crisis is, "Lord, how have you led in this situation before?" We are then not left to our own strength or imagination but driven to a search for God's methods which often also contain God's message for our crisis. Saul resorted to excuses for his failure. In fashion typical of human nature, he pointed fingers at others as cause of his failure. First, he pointed to the desertion of the troops. Next, he pointed to Samuel's delay in coming to help. Then he pointed to the strength of the enemy assembling at Micmash.

All these were real factors in the intensity of the crisis. However, only God could provide the

real rescue from the overwhelming enemy and Saul had not waited for his answer. He resorted to the rituals of his religion rather than obedience to his God. What could have been would not happen, for Saul had failed in obedience (13:13-14). This is the sad commentary of many Christians today. Other foolish failures of Saul are recorded in Chapter 14. However, it is important to note that the victory was won in the battle against the superior Philistine forces. God gave the victory to his people (14:23) when there seemed no possible way to win. He proved his power in their weakness. The principle is clear as quoted by Paul in 2 Cor. 12:9: "My

grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Saul failed in his obedience, but God was perfect in his faithfulness.

Saul's many battles are recorded in 14:47-48. He continued as king and fought valiantly as a military leader. His early failures in obedience continue throughout his life. The pattern set early did not change because Saul refused to repent. The patterns preceding our downfalls can be seen early in life. By the grace of God we can repent and be changed by his power.

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Mississippi College fall rally planned

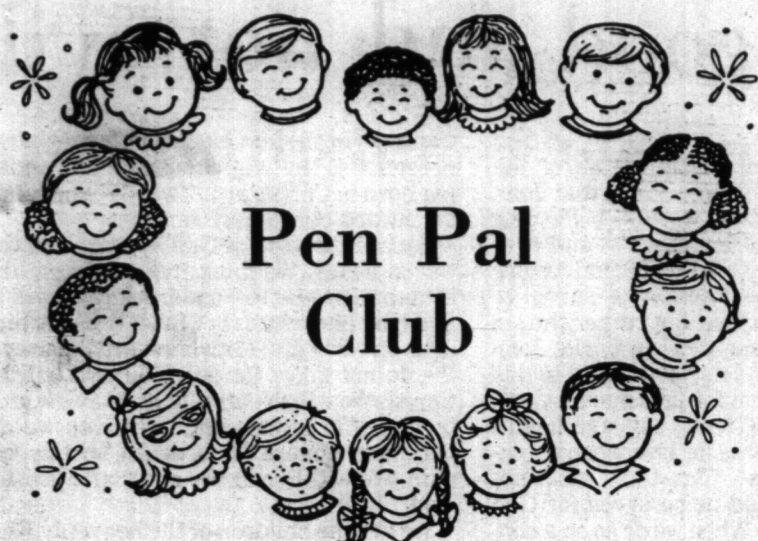
Mississippi College alumni and their families are invited to the Mississippi College Fall Rally, Aug. 23, at Lefleur's Bluff State Park Clubhouse on Riverside Dr., Jackson.

The fish fry will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for youth (12 and under). Reservations can be made by calling 925-3208 or by mailing your check to the Alumni Office, Box 4027, Clinton, MS 39058.

The program will feature the national champion cheerleaders and several Choctaw football players. There will be door prizes and memorabilia items on sale.

Lewis Nobles, president; John Williams, head football coach; Mike Jones, Choctaws basketball coach; Ed Nixon, Lady Choccs basketball coach; and Tom Gladen, baseball coach, will give highlights of last year's accomplishments and a pre-season outlook for the up-coming season.

Bernard Blackwell, director of Alumni Affairs, will also be present.



Pen Pal Club

Hi!

My name is Mandy Snell. I'm eight and I'm in the third grade. I go to Toomsba Baptist Church. I like to ride horses, sing, meet new people, read, write stories, and make new things. Please write me. I would love to hear from you. (Don't forget) write your address on the letter you write me. I will answer your letter. Please send your letter to this address:

P. O. Box 186
Toomsba, MS 39364

Hi!

I'm Bethany and I'm 14 and I go to Sunflower Baptist Church. I would like all of you out there to write me if you are between the ages of 14-18. Hey, I'll promise to write back and I'll try to send a pic to ya. Write at this address: Bethany Allred, Rt. 1 Box 50, Sunflower, MS 38778.

Hi. My name is Kelly Swords.

I am 11 years old, and I am in the 6th grade. I go to Ecru Baptist Church in Ecru, Mississippi. I would love to get your pen pal letters, so if you would like to write to me, write to this address:

Rt. 2, Box 166A
Pontotoc, MS 38863

Attention!

I'm a 14½ year old girl looking for good friends by mail. I'll like it if girls or boys write so I could tell more about myself. There's lots for me to say. I promise to write everyone. Thanks.

Sincerely Yours,
Jami Colvin
3252 Yorkville Road, E.
Columbus, MS 39701

Hi!

My name is Teresa Yeager. I am 10 years old. I'm in the fourth grade. I attend Collinsville First Baptist Church. I like to swim and play Nintendo. I would like a pen pal.

Teresa Yeager
Rt. 3, Box 330-A
Collinsville, MS 39325

Hi!

My name is Heather Turner. I am 12 years old. I am in the seventh grade. I go to Bethel Baptist Church. My hobbies are skating, playing basketball, and lots more. I hope you will write me. I will write you back every time. I would really like to have a pen pal. I would like to have a picture of you. Please give me your address. Here is mine.

Heather Turner
Rt. 1, Box 483
Ovett, MS 39464

P.S. I will write you back no matter who you are.

Hi!

My name is Hope and I'm 13 and in the 7th grade. I live in San Antonio, Texas and I go to Bethesda Baptist Church in Crawford when I'm there in Mississippi because my grandparents live there! My hobbies include riding bikes, swimming,

reading, and competitive horseback riding. If you can write please send your picture and address. Please write and I'll answer all your letters.

Hope Zepeda
9103 Honey Creek
San Antonio, TX 78230

Hi!

My name is Angela Vasquez. I am 11 years old and I am in the fourth grade. I go to West Poplarville Baptist Church and I am a GA. I went to GA Camp for the first time this summer at Camp Garaywa. It was fun! I hope I will get lots of letters in the mail so I will have some pen pals. Please write soon! I will be waiting for a letter from you. Please try to send a picture of yourself, too.

Your friend,
Angela Vasquez
Rt. 4, Box 484
Poplarville, MS 39470

Hi!

My name is Donna. I am 14 and in the ninth grade. I go to Bethel Church. My hobbies include riding bikes, swimming, reading, and many more. I hope you will write so we can become friends. Send a picture if you can and include your phone number and your address. If you want to write me, write to:

Donna Pevey
Rt. 2, Box 312
Monticello, MS 39654

Hi!

My name is Bethany Davis. I am 10 years old and I am in the fifth grade. I go to church at West Poplarville Baptist Church and I am a GA. I went to GA camp for the first time this summer at Camp Garaywa. It was fun! I hope I will get lots of letters in the mail so I will have some pen pals. Please write soon! I will be waiting for a letter from you. Please try to send a picture of yourself too.

Your Friend,
Bethany Davis
P. O. Box #83
Poplarville, MS 39470

Hi!

I'm Jessica! I'm 13 and in the eighth grade. I go to FBC Louisville. I love to write letters.

My hobbies are writing, singing, and shopping. If you would like to be my pen pal, write to me at this address.

Jessica Higgason
Rt. 3, Box 51-AA
Louisville, MS 39339

Hi!

My name is Shandi Bonner. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I go to Big Creek Baptist Church in Clara, Miss. I like to swim, skate, and play with my dog Sandi. I like going to church, especially GAs. I hope you will write me. I will write you back. Please send a picture if you can. My address is:

Shandi Bonner
Rt. 3, Box 736
Waynesboro, MS 39367

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Webster County churches represented by children who recently attended the first annual Mission Friends Mini Camp at Dorroh Lake Assembly are: Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine. Lonnie Walker, pastor; Walthall Church, Walthall, Willie

Weddle, pastor; New Hope Church, Calhoun City, Paul Weddle, pastor; Union Church, Stewart, Howard Davis, pastor; Mt. Zion Church, Eupora, Joey Faulk, pastor; First Church, Eupora, William Stewart, pastor.

Six Webster churches represented at Dorroh Mini Camp

The first annual Mission Friends Mini Camp was held at Dorroh Lake Assembly on June 15. A total of 52 children were present, representing six churches in Webster County.

The camp began at 9 with registration. After a program on Japan and a puppet show, the children were divided into age groups.

There were eight 2-and-3 year olds under the direction of Pat Ray, Lisa Allred, and Rose Lucenter; eight 4-year-olds under the direction of Janet Faulk, Debbie Knight, Lisa Lovejoy, Georgette Faulk, and

Margaret Knight; eight 5-year-olds in group one under the direction of Rhonda Beach and Dawn Lusk; seven 5-year-olds in group two under the direction of Donna Skelton, Milinda Allen, Tanya Skelton, and Darrell Fason; eight 6-year-olds under the direction of Dora Pounds, Stephanie Langston, Meridith Nail, and Rebecca Nail.

After lunch the children were brought back together in assembly for music and song which was directed by Kaye Dorroh and Stephanie Langston. After music the children were enter-

tained with another puppet show. The classes were directed once more until 2:10. This began the group game time which was cancelled because of rain. Instead, the children were gathered for group pictures and a cooling refreshment of popsicles.

The day ended with a dip in the pool from 3-5 p.m.

The youth from Fellowship Church performed the puppet shows. This group consisted of Bryan and Angela Waller, Meridith and Rebecca Nail, Joe Robinson, and Margaret Knight.

Deaf Bible driller scores perfectly

SHREVEPORT, La. (BP) — Eleven-year-old Allison Wilson never heard the Bible drill judge at the Louisiana Baptist rally this spring, but she did not miss a question and recorded a perfect score.

She did it by devoting many hours to Bible church study, drilling and learning to read lips, says Allison, who has been legally deaf since she was two years old.

The sixth-grade Bible driller from Trinity Heights Church in Shreveport, La., lost her hearing after a critical bout with meningitis.

During the state Bible drill rally in

Pineville, Allison made no mistakes and was named a state winner, which is awarded to drillers who make four mistakes or less. She also was named a state winner in 1988 and 1989.

Bible drilling is possible for Allison because she is an "oral communicator," her father explains. "In other words, she reads lips and speaks remarkably well. So the only thing people have to be mindful of when they're speaking to her is that she must have eye contact."

In addition to Bible drill, Allison is involved in Girls in Action, youth activities and even youth choir at Trini-

ty Heights Church, where the Wilsons have been members since 1976. And the church members have been a source of encouragement for Allison, who made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at age 7, Wilson says.

Calvary, West Point VBS surpasses gift goal

Calvary Church, West Point, has incorporated the suggested weight method of giving for Vacation Bible School for the past two years, and it works!

This year, a goal of 15 pounds was established for the week. Each day the offering was received in separate containers for boys and girls. The competition is very keen as the offering is weighed each day in joint worship and the leading group celebrates.

With an enrollment of 186, the pupils brought a total of 246 pounds totalling

\$498 for the week. The girls were the winners for the week with an offering of 59 pounds on Friday compared to 37½ pounds for the boys. The winners were treated to popsicles at the picnic concluding the school on Friday.

The real winner is the Cooperative Program for which the offering was designated.

There were 11 professions of faith at the end of the week.

Jim Young, associate pastor, was the director for the school. Walter H. Frederick is pastor.

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